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"I think the fact that cars can do 70mph on grid roads in Milton Keynes is too quick and I think that it should be reduced."
- Matt Sunter, 30

"I think 70mph is excessive and I don't see the point of it being that speed, but a lot of people do stupid things like not use the underpasses."
- John Evans, 71

"I think 70mph is too quick for the major roads. It's dangerous and we are losing lives because of this. Life is more important than speed."
- Bridget Chinaka, 31

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Coroner calls for speed limit review on our roads

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE death of a 21-year-old woman on a grid road has sparked calls from the senior coroner to review the speed limit.

Tom Osborne made the remarks at the full inquest into the death of Victoria Rhodes on Friday.

Victoria was struck by a black Peugeot on March 3 on the V11 Tongwell Street near Broughton.

At the time of her death it sparked debate as to whether the speed limit on grid roads should be reduced, and now the coroner has joined the growing list of people calling for a review.

Victoria had been attempting to cross the dual carriageway to catch a bus, despite there being a footbridge over the 70mph road which would have added just one minute to her journey.

Council officers present at the inquest in Crownhill told the court how a 12-hour surveillance of the road after the tragic incident showed that seven people crossed the central reservation instead of using the nearby footbridge.

And shortly after ruling that Victoria - who had a learning disability and attended MK Snap in Walnut Tree - had died of a road traffic collision, Mr Osborne outlined his intent to write to the council to conduct a review. He said: "One of my concerns about this incident is the speed of our traffic.

"I have been in Milton Keynes for many years, and when MK opened this 70mph speed limit was an exciting aspect. But since that time we have had a lot more traffic.

"I am just minded as to whether 2014 is the time for the question of our speed limit to be reconsidered, and whether 70mph is still relevant.

"I'm going to write to the council and the chief executive and simply ask for a review of the speed limits, and I know it will be taken seriously.

"I would be failing in my duty as coroner if I didn't respond in such a way."

Cllr Mick Legg, cabinet member for the public realm, which includes highways, told MK NEWS that the council is already carrying out a review into road safety, after at least seven people died on our roads over the last 18 months.

He said: "That debate will include the speed limit, but it needs to be wider than just that. We fully expected the coroner to do something like this as the record isn't great.

"Our review will consider all aspects and is due to report back to the scrutiny committee in November."

It was also confirmed that a safety barrier will be put in place on the V11.

Victim: Victoria Rhodes died on the V11

'There should be no knee jerk reaction'

THE leader of the city's Conservative party says there should be no 'knee jerk reactions' to reduce the speed limit - and argues that full analysis based on statistics is the only way to properly conduct a review.

Edith Bald, who is also a ward councillor for Tattenhoe, told MK NEWS: "We have already asked for a complete review with statistics, and once we get them let's see whether we think there is a problem with the speed limits.

"We need to see all the evidence, there should be no knee jerk reactions.

"It would be a massive step to say the speed limits should be reduced.

"We don't want to do something that disrupts the flow of traffic without some proper analysis."

Victim's family welcome debate

THE stepfather of a young boy who was killed on a grid road has welcomed the possibility of reviewing speed limits.

Twelve-year-old Barrie Fraser died on the V7 Saxon Street in December 2003 after being hit by a car. The following year the speed limit was reduced to 40mph on the stretch of road.

Barrie's stepfather, Peter Fraser, of Netherfield, said: "I would like to see the limit brought down to 50mph for dual carriageways and 30-40mph on single ones.

"It's taken too long to get to this point, and I would want to see a public consultation about the issue."

Blast after war ammo exposed

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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POLICE carried out a controlled explosion following the discovery of dangerous First and Second World War munitions.

Officers attended a home in Little Linford Lane, Newport Pagnell, on Saturday after reports there was historic ammunition in the house.

The discovery has been linked to the wartime guns, bombs and grenades found in St Albans and Bicester last week.

Information was provided to police following a warrant carried out by Hertfordshire Police in St Albans last Wednesday and the seizure of items from a property in

Buckingham Crescent, Bicester on Thursday.

A 37-year-old man was arrested on Friday by Thames Valley Police (TVP) on suspicion of theft from heritage and protected sites and was bailed on Saturday until November 11.

A controlled explosion (*pictured*) was carried out near Little Linford Lane on Saturday after 6pm while police and army bomb squad specialists were at the scene.

Detective Sergeant Pete Frost, from Hertfordshire Constabulary, said: "I can confirm that the TVP incidents are linked to our investigation. Our investigation is ongoing and we will continue to liaise with TVP and partners in English Heritage."

Mark Harrison, crime advisor for English Heritage, said: "The practice of illegal metal detecting or stealing artefacts from the ground is an issue that English Heritage takes very seriously. We are prepared to take action and work alongside the police to bring those responsible to justice."

Baring all for June: Alopecia UK calender girls enjoying a glass of Pimms with Kate, centre

Naked calender for alopecia

A 26-YEAR-OLD trainee nurse has bared all from head to toe to raise awareness for Alopecia UK.

Kate Harrison, from Two Mile Ash, started losing her hair in 2012, before she was diagnosed with the condition where the immune system attacks the hair follicles and causes sometimes permanent hair loss.

In a bid to raise awareness and funds for research, Kate, also know as month June, joined 11 other women who got naked in a Alopecia UK 2015 calender - PrettyBald.

It is on sale for £10. To read more from Kate go to www.mkweb.co.uk.

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Clarification: Agora

ON September 10 we ran a news brief saying Milton Keynes Council had bought the Agora centre and was looking for a developer. We now realise this is not the case and are happy to set the record straight. Leyland Holding Company Limited, owner of the centre, said: "We would like to thank MK NEWS for the clarification and can confirm the Agora is open for business." Read a letter from the firm on page 4.

UFO spotted over park

A UFO was sighted over Ouze Valley Park on September 16 before disappearing into the clouds. Read what the man saw at www.mkweb.co.uk.

Man flashes at young family

A MIDDLE aged man exposed himself to a woman as she walked with her children.

At about 9.20am on Monday a 22-year-old mum was walking with her three children towards the underpass between Netherfield and Beanhill. As she passed a man, he gave a thumbs down gesture and then pulled down his trousers to expose himself. The man is white, 6ft, in his 60s, with grey hair. He was wearing dark coloured trousers in possibly canvas type material. Any witnesses should call 101.

Fire control rooms will merge

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE Fire and Rescue, Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue and the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service are to share one control room near Reading from December.

Between the three services they cover the same area as Thames Valley Police. Mark Jones, chief fire officer with the Bucks authority, said: "We remain committed to our ultimate aim of continued high-quality mobilising and communications services for those we serve and protect, at an ever-decreasing cost."

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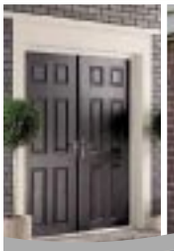

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Give us a fair chance

LEYLAND Holding Company Limited is the owner of the Agora centre, we continue to work in a difficult retail market place but have been recently encouraged by the number of units that have been let.

We will continue to develop individual units that require some refurbishment with a view to providing low cost based units for many of the hard working small business owners in the area to work from.

The continuous false messages being put out by the local press is not helping the situation. They are having a demoralising effect which is prolonging recovery within the centre. Over the past months I have read articles about the centre closing, this is not true. I have read articles about the council having bought the centre, this is also not true. Your latest report on September 10 states the council has bought the Agora and are seeking a developer.

When we enquired as to where this information had come from we were told this was announced at the recent Milton Keynes Council meeting on September 8. Having read the minutes of this meeting I cannot see any evidence backing up this news story.

As the managing director I have received no correspondence from the council regarding any compulsory purchase.

The centre still continues to offer opportunities for small businesses to work and develop within their local community.

These small businesses want to work hard and aid that development, the press and council is doing the opposite by continually pushing out negative comments about the centre.

The fact is several businesses have been put off by those incorrect comments and articles and therefore the local community is losing out from the value they would have brought.

I have no problem with the council working in the background on alternative proposals for the site, for any site, however they should allow us and those hard working tenants to go about our business and stop undermining its current realistic development in a difficult climate.

If and when the time comes to change its purpose, if and when the council manages to find funding for what it perceives is the best plan, bearing in mind finance is not easy to find at present, then all this could be a long, long way off.

The council will then have to look at fair compensation for those hard working businesses who currently occupy the Agora.

We are the ones trying to bring life into the centre, the council and press must stopping knocking us back.

Paul Kirkman
Managing director
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Dog bite sympathies

I FELT very sorry when I read in your paper that Tony Mabbott, a Green Party member, was attacked by a Staffordshire terrier which bit his finger while he was delivering leaflets for his party.

I consider the attack by the dog very vicious and the bite came with such a force that he lost a quarter of his right finger for good. The attack would have been very painful.

My sympathies are with him and I hope the wound heals so he can deliver leaflets again soon.

Arun Vaidyanathan
Sent via email

'I told you so' on speed

I NOTE yet another tragic death on the H9 Groveway (MK News September 17) and you remind us of the death of our neighbour Edna Read on this same stretch.

In fact, on the day two years ago when Edna died, so did another person in an unrelated incident at a slightly different location on the same road.

I am interested to read that Cllr McCall recognises 'that something needs to be done quickly to stop any more tragedies'. After a very serious accident there 36 years ago, I raised the issue with the local authorities that the design of this road is inherently flawed and it is quite inappropriate for it to carry a 70mph speed-limit.

It should be a maximum of 30-40 mph. It gives me no satisfaction to be able say 'I told you so', even less so for having repeated this over the many years.

Frederick Toates
Sent via email

Intervention needed

WITH reference to the person not being allowed on a bus as only a £10 note was proffered, what about (in my view) totally unacceptable behaviour by a passenger already on a bus not being told to get off?!

The other week when I got on a quite full bus there was a woman sitting right at the back swearing and shouting racial abuse.

It seemed to be aimed at a passenger near the front and it went on for my entire journey.

I asked the driver when I got off why she was not told to get off and he said he was not allowed to leave his cab. I then went to speak to Arriva about it but they said they are unable to intervene in such situations.

I have also left phone and email messages (although I did not at that stage go into detail) with the Bus Users' Group. I wonder what Arriva's policy is, if any, regarding unacceptable behaviour by passengers. If it happens again I will phone the police.

Name and address supplied

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

BACK in the eighties, when Milton Keynes was interesting, the whole world looked to the New City for innovation and imagination.

And when the Energy World exhibition opened in Shenley Lodge in 1986, it attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the globe. It was an exhibition of 51 low energy homes promoted by Milton Keynes Development Corporation.

Fast forward 28 years to 2014 and the full extent of the depressing decline and decay of Milton Keynes is all too evident.

The centre point of the exhibition was the giant Javelin Sundial, *pictured*, an impressive structure which displayed the time and was the first thing to greet visitors as they walked to the ticket booths to gain entry to the exhibition.

Now a neglected, litter strewn area with overgrown vegetation and a magnet for drunks and drug users, it represents how times have changed in Milton Keynes.

A spokesman for Shenley Brook End Parish Council, said: "The area has been largely neglected for years and, although the polished stainless steel structure is as good as new, the surrounding area is weed infested with empty beer bottles and litter lining the perimeter."

Luminous discs marking out the dial of the clock, which glowed at night and in poor sunlight, have long since been removed, exposing holes where they once stood.

The spokesman added: "In the absence of regular maintenance by Milton Keynes Council, it would be great if concerned residents and local groups could get together to keep the area neat and tidy on a regular basis.

"If enough people are prepared to get involved, an hour or two a month would be all that is needed to keep it neat and tidy for the benefit of everyone."

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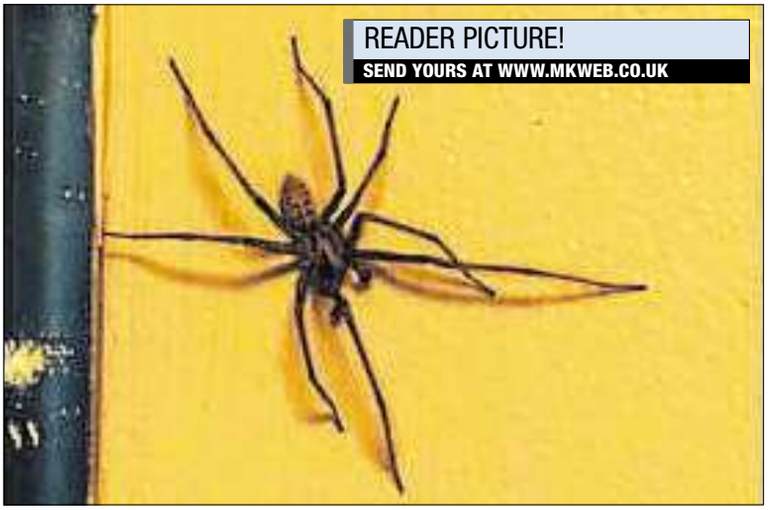

Spider spot: Here is a snap of a giant spider taken by Kurtis O'Sullivan that he shared on MKWeb

Invasion of giant spiders

MKWEB readers have been sending in their pictures after fears were raised that giant spiders are to invade homes this winter.

Experts are warning householders to expect bigger creepy crawlies following the summer's hot temperatures, which has given them easier access to food.

As the weather cools, the eight-legged monsters will be looking for a cooler place to dwell and find a mate.

Homes across the city have already been plagued by such horrors, evident by the pictures uploaded to MKWeb's Facebook page. A city expert, who chose not be named, suggested it is likely to be the common wolf spider householders will spot.

Some look more like spine-tingling pets than common spiders. See more at www.mkweb.co.uk

85k sign to stop animal testing

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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MORE THAN 85,000 people have signed a petition to end experiments on puppies and kittens in a city laboratory.

Tomorrow, members from the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection (BUAV) will be handing in a petition signed by 85,300 people to MSD Animal Health in attempt to stop the company using young animals in research.

As MK NEWS reported in March this year, a Government probe is investigating practices at MSD Animal Health after undercover video footage showed beagles being held over bins and howling as they were slaughtered.

The petition was launched after BUAV released the findings from its seven month undercover investigation at the facility.

Under the banner 'cats and dogs are our best friends – they don't belong in laboratories', BUAV is calling on the Government to end their use in research in the UK. Journalist and TV presenter, Wendy Turner Webster, will be attending with Bonnie, one of three beagles BUAV was able to home from the facility during its investigation.

Chief executive Michelle Thew said: "The use of these young animals is a secret the research industry would prefer not to be released. We hope MSD will take note of the signatories of our petition and end their practices once and for all."

The event will take place at MSD's HQ in Walton Manor tomorrow at 12.15pm.

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Sex assault charge

BADER Uddin Jilani, 35, of Lonsdale, Wolverton, will appear at MK Magistrates' Court on October 7 having been charged with a sexual assault at MK Central station.

Bowls on the move

WOBURN Sands Bowls Club celebrates its last club match at its home in Russell Street on Saturday before a move to Aspley Guise. Events will still take place through winter.

Crash victim named

THE 84-year-old woman who died in a traffic collision on Groveway in Simpson on September 11 has been named as June Coles.

Bogus caller burgles pensioner

A MAN claiming to be from the water board burgled an 89-year-old in Great Holm.

At about 5.45pm on Sunday, the man was at home in Rangers Croft when he heard a knock at the door.

A man who claimed to be from the water board told him he needed to turn off his supply because his property was at risk of flooding. After the man left, the victim realised a case containing jewellery had gone.

The offender is white, 5ft 7ins, aged 40 to 50, with dark brown receding hair and was wearing dark blue overalls. Witnesses can call 101.

'Unauthorised' road closure

MILTON Keynes Council (MKC) has spoken to developers after its 'unauthorised' road closures.

The H4 Dansteed Way between the V3 Fulmer Street and V4 Watling Street was closed by Gallagher Estates and a spokesman from MKC said: "These roadworks were unauthorised, which caused traffic problems. The closures are expected until Friday, but will now be carried out in compliance with procedures."

Gallagher failed to comment.

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Unexplained death of man

POLICE are continuing to investigate the unexplained death of a man in Milton Keynes after a 50-year-old arrested on suspicion of murder was released without charge on Sunday.

Officers were called to Allen Close in Bletchley shortly after 9.30pm on Friday following reports of a fight taking place between two people, but left after finding 'no altercation in progress'.

But in the early hours of Saturday, a 55-year-old man was taken to Milton Keynes General Hospital where he later died.

A post-mortem examination, which took place on Saturday, found the man's cause of death to be inconclusive pending pathology results and his death remains unexplained.

Thames Valley Police have notified the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) of the circumstances.

Anyone with information can call police on 101.

Save our centre: Caroline Malone does not agree that Westbury Arts Centre should have to pay up

Arts charity in 'grave danger'

BY JAMES AVERILL
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AN arts charity faces potential closure after being told to fork up £34,000.

Westbury Arts Centre (WAC) - a cause which promotes the education and appreciation of arts and provides studio spaces for artists - has been rejected for mandatory rate relief by Milton Keynes Council.

The authority argues that the outfit, based in a grade II listed farmhouse in Shenley Wood, should not be eligible for relief as what the artists do in the studios that the charity lets them use is not of a charitable purpose.

Historically the landlords of the building had paid the rates but a recent return of ownership of the site to the council and a new landlord has changed the situation.

The new landlord has agreed to be liable for the rates on the building up to the end of May next year but has stated they are unable to make such a commitment beyond this date.

This means that WAC is liable for the full rates on the building from then onwards.

Caroline Malone, chairwoman of the WAC board of trustees, said: "We are in grave danger of closing.

"We don't agree with the interpretation, not least because closing the centre is not in the interests of MK, and the professional advice we have received suggests that their interpretation of the rules may be wrong."

A council spokesman said it had met with the group to 'try and find a way through', adding: "Most of the building is sub-let to people who are not charities. Relief can only be given if the premises are used for charitable purposes."

Read more at www.mkweb.co.uk.

Parents' unusual baby names

A MUM and dad considered naming their newborn child after a nearby transport company.

The city couple eventually decided against it but Milton Keynes Council have released information about registered birth names after Katie Price named her daughter Bunny.

The list of recently registered births reveals the former glamour model is far from alone in her creative-thinking, with some city newborns being called Hunter, Pharrell, Clover and Forest.

But traditional baby names in MK remain according to the city's Registration Service, with Joseph and Oliver topping the list of boys in the last year and Elizabeth, Emma and Sophie for baby girls.

Registration Services manager Yvette Medri said: "We do occasionally have parents discussing very unusual names, such as naming their baby after a nearby transport company."

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Christmas fears as desk closed

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HOMELESS people could lose out this Christmas after a charity community desk closes.

That is the concern of charities and residents who have questioned how Christmas dinners for the homeless and packages for vulnerable families will be funded after the centre:mk's community zone (CZ) shuts on October 30.

Centre director James Waugh says the CZ has to close because it is 'neither accessible nor DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) compliant'. But Major Carole Babstock, from The Salvation Army MK, said: "We rely on the money we make from the CZ to help subsidise Christmas lunches for the homeless and packages for families. We understand it's a prime position and hope we can agree another area."

CZ is a hub for many charities and Anne Ovans, 73, from Conniburrow, said: "If the charities can't get the support how will they fund their Christmas projects?"

Mr Waugh added: "We understand residents' initial concerns but believe through an open dialogue, stronger opportunities can be identified."

Read more at www.mkweb.co.uk.

Singer shoots for stars

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD Lydia Singer is shooting for the Top 40 charts with her debut single Meteor.

The song is co-written by Rob Davis, who's best known for writing Kylie's Can't Get You Out Of My Head.

Lydia needs 4,000 downloads of her song on iTunes from October 5 for a week to stand a chance of making the charts. See more at www.mkweb.co.uk

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Cop's locked up for drug tip-off

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A POLICEMAN has been jailed for 18 months for assisting a drug smuggling conspiracy.

Martin McElvenna, 54, of Wilks Walk in Northampton, had been convicted by a jury on July 31 at Southwark Crown Court following a nine-week trial.

In September last year, McElvenna was working as a PC in Milton Keynes when he accessed the Police National Computer (PNC) in order to assist in a conspiracy to smuggle drugs into the UK.

McElvenna received a phone call on May 23, 2013, and within moments of the call being registered he accessed the computer to carry out a background check on one of the gang's associates.

The disgraced cop then tipped them off about the third party's conviction of child sexual offences in the 1990s.

Speaking to McElvenna at his sentencing on Friday at the same crown court, Judge Testar told him: "For a police officer to provide this information to a gang member for leverage in a gang dispute is very serious.

Behind bars: Martin McElvenna

"I don't know why you decided to do what you did.

"There's no evidence to suggest there was any payment. You may not have realised the extent to what you had become involved in.

"Maybe you just didn't have the strength to say no to your relative and you were showing off to him."

McElvenna was dismissed from Thames Valley Police in November 2013 following a misconduct hearing, and now the force believe his jail term sends out a strong message to the public.

Deputy Chief Constable Francis Habgood said: "Martin McElvenna was convicted earlier this year of one count of misconduct in public office after he accessed the Police National Computer in order to assist in a conspiracy to smuggle drugs into the UK.

"This abuse of position was completely unacceptable and so we fully accept the decision of the judge.

"It is imperative that the public has complete trust in the police and so we hope this investigation shows that we will always investigate any accusations of wrongdoing and will always take seriously the behaviour of our officers, whether they are on or off duty."

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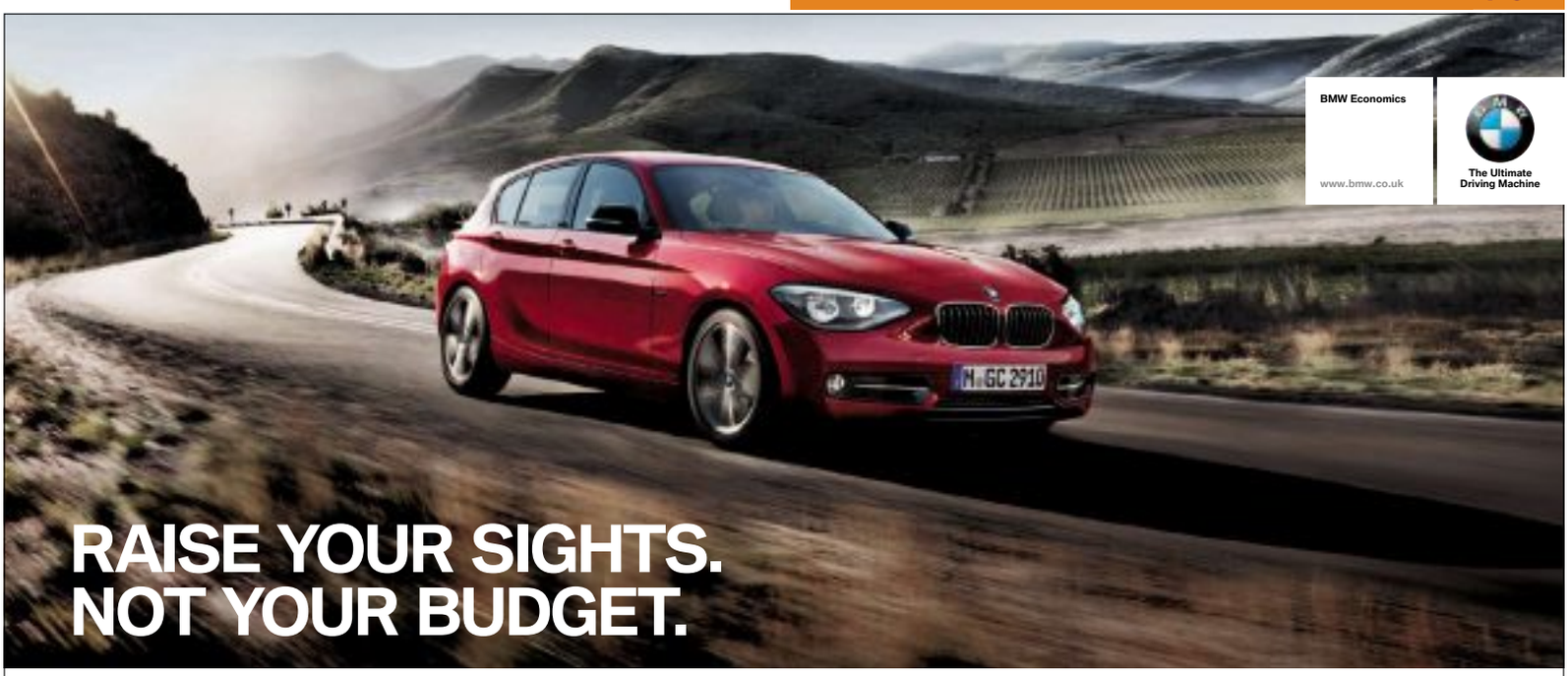

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BY SCOTT KIRK
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A NINE-YEAR-OLD girl who suffered a cardiac arrest wants to see defibrillators installed in her community.

Summerlea Burnett was brought back to life after an automatic external defibrillator (AED) was used to restart her heart when she collapsed and stopped breathing during a dance lesson at Shenley Leisure Centre on May 9.

The Premier Academy student now wants to raise money to get a defibrillator installed in a Bletchley school, which is still to be decided, and within the community if enough money can be raised.

So far, more than £800 has been collected through the Facebook page 'Summerlea's fundraising for children with heart conditions,' and people are invited to make their donations through the site.

Summerlea raised the money through making loombands while recovering from the cardiac arrest.

Her life was saved by her dance instructor Nicky Molloy, who learned her life saving skills through St John Ambulance.

First aid: Summerlea Burnett with her mum, nephew Tyler and dance insructor Nicky (far right) who saved the little girl's life

"It was an extremely dramatic situation but thankfully the first aid training just kicked in," said Nicky.

Chris Burnett, Summerlea's mum, said: "I can't thank Nicky and the staff at the leisure centre enough.

"Without them and their first aid knowledge Summerlea wouldn't be here today. I am so grateful.

"It's amazing to see her fundraising so other children and adults will have a chance of survival if they find themselves in the same situation.

"She's very determined and we're delighted with the support she's received so far."

Summerlea said: "I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped me at the leisure centre and the hospital."

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Drug dealer named as murder suspect

Police inquiries: Convicted drug dealer Darren Ellis is believed to have murdered partner Serena Hickey at a Premier Inn

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A MAN who is believed to have strangled his partner to death in a hotel was a convicted drug dealer.

Darren Ellis has been named as the man who police believe killed Milton Keynes mother Serena Hickey in a Bedford hotel, and later went on to take his own life on a railway line.

Ellis, from Nuneaton, was found dead just hours after the body of Serena, who was believed to be his partner, was found at a Premier Inn in Kempston shortly after 9am on Saturday, September 13.

Ellis was a convicted drug dealer, after pleading guilty to conspiracy to supply Class B amphetamine and Class C cannabis back in 2011.

He was given six years in jail following a major Warwickshire Police Force investigation.

He also hit the national headlines as he was caught after posing for a photograph with bags of cannabis.

It is understood that Ellis served his time in jail and was released.

Officers from the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Major Crime Unit (BCHU) are still trying to determine the circumstances behind the tragic incidents.

MK NEWS first revealed last week how tragic Serena's brother, Zane Hopkins, had set up an anti-domestic abuse charity in her honour. It has already raised more than £1,000.

The inquests into both Ms Hickey's and Mr Ellis' deaths were opened at Bedfordshire Coroner's Court on Monday.

The initial cause of death for Serena, from Emerson Valley, has been listed as compression of the neck.

A date for the full inquests is yet to have been set.

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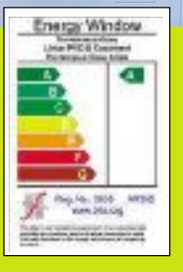

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Landmark: The old Co-Op building in Queensway, Bletchley, has been a 'vacant eyesore' since 2006

Clean up 'eyesore'

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE new owners of the derelict Co-Op building in Bletchley have been ordered by the council to clean it up.

The vacant store, in Queensway, has been labelled an eyesore for many years, and now both Milton Keynes Council (MKC) and Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council have grown sick of the damaging impact it has on the area's appearance.

MKC has served a section 215 notice on the new owners, telling them to paint the outside, repair broken windows and bring it up to an acceptable standard.

The town council's clerk, Lisa Courtney, told MK NEWS: "The town council doesn't have the power to enforce a section 215, so we instigated this to ensure one was served. The Co-Op is the first building you see when you come into the town centre and we recognised the way it looks is a real problem."

Cllr Mick Legg, a cabinet member on MKC, added: "The building is doing untold damage to Queensway. It brings the area down."

The site is set to have some new tenants though, with the 99p Store set to open there at some point this year.

Responding to the notice, Shiv Popat, advising on behalf of the site's owners Leyland MK Ltd, said: "A lot of the stuff has been done already. There has been a lot of work done on the roof and getting rid of overgrown stuff.

"But we've been asked to paint parts of the building. That will be a futile exercise because we are looking at what to do with the building in the future, and that would be a waste of money."

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School 'claims' prompt inquiry

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THE headteacher of a school that was embroiled in a name row with Harvard University could be set for another court battle.

But this time, Dr Reverend Tina Beloveth Powerful is facing a series of allegations from Milton Keynes Council's Trading Standards team.

Dr Beloveth Powerful first hit the headlines in October last year, when her city-centre based Havard School faced a lawsuit from the US university claiming it had breached its copyright with the similar name.

That case was settled out of court in February, and she has since changed the school's name to Everest School of Transformational Leadership. But Dr Beloveth Powerful had been forced to deny that some of the educational courses she was offering on her website may not have been officially accredited.

Previously, Trading Standards had refused to confirm whether they were investigating, but they have now brought a case against the teacher.

A council spokesman told MK NEWS: "Tina Beloveth Powerful and Everest School of Transformational Leadership Ltd have both been summonsed to appear in court on October 17.

"The alleged offences relate to misleading statements or misleading omissions in breach of the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations.

"There are also alleged offences regarding the Education Reform Act and the Companies Act.

"The alleged offences relate to claims and statements on the website of Everest School of Transformational Leadership Ltd."

Summonsed: Trading Standards has confirmed they are now investigating headteacher, Dr Tina Beloveth Powerful

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Hospital's future top of meeting's agenda

BY JAMES AVERILL
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CONCERNED campaigners have organised a public meeting to discuss the future of Milton Keynes Hospital.

The 'Save MK Hospital Group' has organised a meeting at the city centre Jury's Inn on Saturday from 1pm.

The group is concerned by the potential findings of a healthcare review by Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group (MK CCG), which they say is 'vague' on which services could possibly face cuts.

Organiser, Samantha Pancheri, said: "We have called this meeting to unite the community in the fight to save our local health services.

"Despite the rhetoric of 'integration' and 'accountability', these plans are about cuts and privatisation and ultimately losing the high standard of health care we deserve.

"For the sake of our children we must stand to protect our hospital."

A spokesman for the Milton Keynes Healthcare Review team was not able to confirm whether they would be attending the meeting, but said: "Although funding for healthcare services in Milton Keynes will increase year on year MK CCG will have to find at least £25m savings by 2018/19 due to rising demand for healthcare. We have to live within our means and it's vital we use resources wisely."

Finish line: Lexus staff at the Stacey Bushes showroom

Employees get on their bikes

FOUR employees from Lexus took part in a 1,000 mile sponsored bike ride.

Raising money for Children in Need 2014 this November, Darrell Jones, Paul Colby, Gaynor Baker and Lawrence Martin took part in one of the legs of the two-day challenge which started on September 11.

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Opening: Peter Marland and Hannah O'Neill at homes

Tenants move into council properties

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The bungalows in Briar Hill, Stacey Bushes, were launched by council leader Peter Marland and his deputy Cllr Hannah O'Neill last Wednesday.

Cllr O'Neill said: "This is just the first of a number of initiatives that will be developed over the coming years to improve areas."

Park petition is making a splash

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A PETITION signed by nearly 250 people has forced a council to look again at building a splash park.

West Bletchley Council first explored the possibility of establishing the leisure venue in Rickley Park - which would have included a number of different water features to entertain children - in September last year.

But in April this year the authority dismissed Rickley Park as a location due to estimations about the number of parking spaces needed, based on a similar sized facility already built in nearby Leighton Buzzard.

Now residents have clubbed together to hand over a petition with 240 names on, demanding that the council consider the proposal once again, arguing that local opinion was heavily 'in favour' of a splash park being built.

Now, council clerk Helen Hupton has confirmed it will revisit the issue. She said: "Having consulted widely with local residents, the council determined in April 2014 that the likely impact of such a facility within Rickley Park and the surrounding area was such that the project was not feasible.

"Those residents who made the initial approach have recently asked the council to reconsider its decision.

"This matter will be given consideration when the council meets on Monday, October 27."

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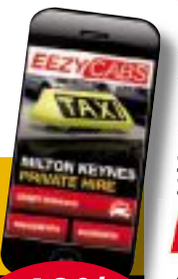

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Control room share could be an option

BY SCOTT KIRK
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SHARING control rooms with fire authorities could be an option for the Thames Valley force as Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Anthony Stansfeld looks to save £20million from the budget over the next three years.

The equivalent of saving this money would be to let 400 officers go, but Mr Stansfeld and Thames Valley Police chief constable Sara Thornton said the force was not prepared to lose that many.

To make sure police were not taken off the streets, Mr Stansfeld says he is looking into the possibility of sharing control rooms with fire authorities such as Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue.

He said: "There are a few things we can do, like more with our fire brigades and sharing control rooms."

In response to calls for PCCs to be abolished from Andrew Pakes, Labour's Parliamentary candidate for Milton Keynes South, Mr Stansfeld said: "It would cost a lot more under the old system."

World Cup: The Webb Ellis trophy on display at Middleton Hall last week

Trophy's prime position

THE Webb Ellis trophy which will be given to the winners of next year's rugby World Cup has been on show in the centre:mk.

Hundreds of fans caught a glimpse of the famous cup last Wednesday in Middleton Hall.

Tickets are now on sale for all of the matches, with Milton Keynes hosting three games in next October's tournament, including France v Canada on October 1, 2015, Samoa v Japan on October 3 and Fiji v Russia or Uruguay on October 6. Russia and Uruguay play each other in their first leg qualifier on Saturday.

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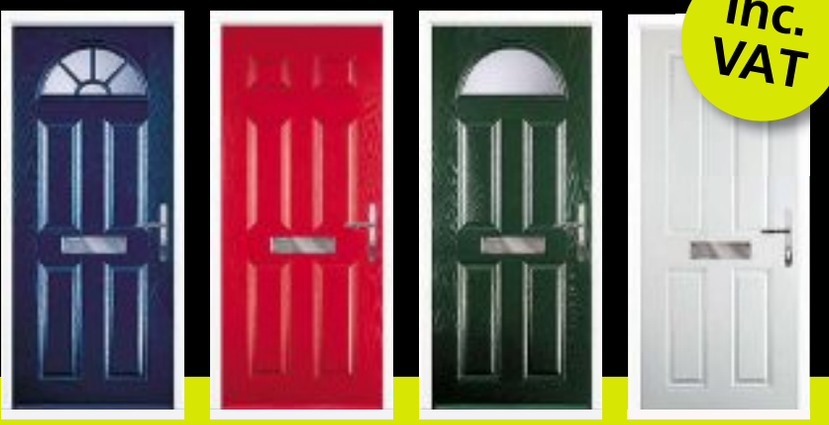

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Neighbours to keep watch on each other

Watchful neighbours: Ron Dudhia (centre) with other members of the new scheme

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A NEW neighbourhood watch scheme has been launched to encourage residents to look out for the older generation.

People in Ferry Meadows Close and Cavan Way in Broughton have formed their own group to keep an eye out on each other in the estate, with around 35 people joining the close-knit programme.

"We have done this to combat crime," said Ron Dudhia, a coordinator of the new scheme who lives in Ferry Meadows Close.

"The people who live on the streets are over 55 and some are in their 70s or 80s so that is another important reason why we have set up this neighbourhood watch."

The new group may be small, but Mr Dudhia, 69, believes that residents will have a stronger voice by keeping the group smaller.

"It's only a few people in this group but we're very close and we look after each other because we have some people that are disabled as well as getting older. We're in the corner of Broughton so this is what we need."

And he says the scheme has received great community feedback.

"People seem to like the fact that we have a neighbourhood watch group and they think it's a good idea."

One of their key aims has already been achieved as well.

Many residents were fed up of motorists driving through Ferry Meadows Close thinking it was a through-road, when actually it was a cul-de-sac, which resulted in them having to turn around.

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Dawn jumps for her angel Henry

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TWENTY-TWO people are jumping out of a plane for the Henry Allen Trust.

In less than two weeks time the group are leaping 15,000ft, travelling at 200mph to the ground to raise money for children suffering with cancer.

The Henry Allen Trust was set up in March this year as a dying wish from four-year-old Henry, who not only inspired his parents Dawn and Mark Allen, but touched the whole city's hearts.

More than £100,000 was raised for the Bletchley youngster, who died from neuroblastoma last year, money which is now used for the new trust which helps other children with cancer.

Dawn is taking part in the skydive at Sibson Airfield in Peterborough on October 4 alongside Lisa Smith, from Broughton, who is 'petrified' of flying.

The 33-year-old said: "I am petrified and cry every time I get on a plane, and I hate adrenaline rushes, so this is pushing me to my limit.

Taking the plunge: Some of the jumpers, and right: Lisa Smith

"Our aim is to put smiles on children's faces so they can forget for a short time the ordeal that they are suffering."

Dawn added: "Henry was super brave and now it's my turn to be brave."

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Widow inspired to

A 75-YEAR-OLD woman has spoken to reporter Jessica Duncan about her husband's dementia and how it inspired her to volunteer at a care home

MARGOT Whalley knew her husband of 55 years was 'losing his life' but it 'cut her like a knife' when she heard it from him.

The 75-year-old looked after her husband Arthur for as long as she could on her own but eventually had to accept she needed help.

"He wouldn't accept anything was wrong," said Margot, "He began to do odd things like going to bed at 9.15pm but then getting up a lot and eventually I had to keep getting up to check he was okay.

"Then he started to wander off.

"We used to have dogs and he wanted to walk everywhere.

"I used to have calls from friends who had seen him and others would bring him back.

"Social services were really good with Arthur even when he tried to ignore them.

"They told me to lock the doors to stop him wandering but he just went wild because he couldn't get out.

"It really was terrible but I had to plod on."

Margot tried at least three care homes but they were unable to control Arthur's wandering.

Widow: Margot Whalley, 75

Eventually she found Bluebirds Neurological Care Centre, in Shenley Lodge, which is managed by award winning care provider PJ Care and only has 22 residents.

She said: "Arthur was so happy there.

"He was treated with so much compassion, love and respect, and everyone was so kind."

Unfortunately Arthur deteriorated and near the end of his life Margot treasured any memory he shared or anything he said that made sense.

"Sitting in the garden one day Arthur said 'I think I am losing my life'. I knew he was but to hear him say it cut me like a knife and I cried all the way home on the bus," added Margot.

Arthur and Margot met in 1955 when they were both working on the railways in Wolverton. Margot worked in the offices and Arthur was a coach finisher.

"Arthur was always a lively, happy person with a big laugh.

"I remember, before we got together, sitting in a cinema and listening to this chap behind us with a very loud laugh, and thinking 'I'm glad I'm not with him'. But I married him not long after."

Following the couple's wedding in 1959 they enjoyed a life full of laughter and smiles together, and with their pet dogs.

Since Arthur's death in January aged 78, Margot has volunteered at Bluebirds two days a week to help others like her husband.

help other sufferers

Loving couple: Margot cared for husband Arthur, who suffered with dementia, until help was needed

ARTHUR'S DEMENTIA

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- Lost speech and movement

She said: "After he died, I just felt like I wanted to give something back.

"I'd made so many friends there and I feel close to Arthur somehow whenever I go back."

Despite a 45 minute journey there and back, catching two buses from her home in Stony Stratford, Margot says she enjoys helping others even if it is just working on the tea trolley or doing some washing up for the staff.

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Inmates take over MK Council Asylum - an open letter to the LibDems

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So much for democracy. All of them deserve to be thrown out of office for their reckless indifference to the safety of the public. LibDems obviously reject accountability and respect for the electorate. Their behaviour is a disgrace. It destroys public trust. It renders every decision the Council makes as suspect. It tars every decent Councillor with the same self-serving brush.

Voters in the Monkston ward (Councillor Shafiq) and Shenley Brook End (Councillor Burke) and Newport Pagnell South (Councillor McCall) at the next election will hopefully remember the concern shown for their safety and well-being by this trio.

MK Council has swung into action with a rare demonstration of ineffectiveness. A review of taxi licences is to be carried out. This paper exercise simply investigates whether forms have been completed and processed accurately. We can all breathe more easily knowing that only 100 out of 1,300 licensed taxi drivers will be investigated and there are to be no spot checks. Of course MK Council equals cost and so £66,000 will have to be found to be seen to be doing something. As an exercise in contempt it almost matches Councillor McCall's new appointments.

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Mum launches support group

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A MOTHER with a severely allergic daughter has started a group to stop others 'feeling alone in a sea of questions'.

Kerry Azhar, from Wolverton, is carer to her three-year-old daughter Amirah, who has severe allergies to milk, eggs, nuts, sesame and sunflower seeds.

"At the beginning I was worried that anything she ate could threaten her life," said Kerry,

"When she was first diagnosed I felt alone in a sea of questions - like what should I feed her, what will I do about school?

"I was desperate for support from other parents who had experienced it as there are no allergy specialists in Milton Keynes."

Kerry's support group is run in conjunction with the Anaphylaxis Campaign, the only UK-wide charity to back people with life threatening allergies.

The 28-year-old added: "For me helping others is a great way to regain some of the control you feel you've lost and provide some tangible support to those who are finding it hard to cope.

"Peer support is so important, being able to talk to others and discuss whether what you did was the right thing.

"It is also really important for Amirah to meet others with allergies like hers so she knows she is not different.

"I am really passionate about the group and being able to meet and talk to others."

Anaphylaxis Campaign CEO Lynne Regent said: "It's brilliant that Kerry has decided to run a support group in MK."

The next meeting will be on Monday, register at www.mkweb.co.uk.

Allergy group: Kerry with her daughter Amirah

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Career ladder: Thousands turned out to visit the Job Show

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The next job show will be held on January 23 and 24 next year.

Council leader calls for further powers

BY JAMES AVERILL
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COUNCIL leader Peter Marland has called on the Government to grant more powers to the authority.

The Labour leader welcomed the results of the Scottish referendum on Friday, but following promises to grant more powers to their Parliament, has questioned why similar pledges are not being granted to local authorities.

Cllr Marland has said he would like to see Milton Keynes take control of more local business rates, infrastructure funding powers and measures to make it easier to build more social and affordable housing, before the General Election.

He has also called for a debate around what other powers could be taken on a more regional basis, such as health and transport.

Cllr Marland said: "It is great that the Scottish people decided to stay in the Union and that they will be getting more say over their own affairs within one, stronger nation. So what is rightly good enough for Scotland is good enough for Milton Keynes and local government.

"In the long term, working with partners, I'd like to see a discussion on what other areas we might want local powers for such as health, transport, major infrastructure projects and even education. It is a debate we must have to bring politics back to grass roots."

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Blooming brilliance

Wolverton silver gilt award: Hilary Saunders and Rachel Wright

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MILTON Keynes has been recognised in the Royal Horticultural Society's Britain in Bloom (BIB).

The annual competition recognises towns, villages and cities for their flower displays and green spaces.

Three towns have received awards and Milton Keynes won the Large City Regional Trophy with Silver Gilt – a mark just below Gold but above the Silver category.

The judges were impressed with 'the partnership between Milton Keynes Council, The Parks Trust and the Open University', and particularly praised The Park Trust's 'programme of entertainment in their various green spaces'.

Stony Stratford also flourished with success after winning the Small Town Trophy for the fifth year running.

Judith Deveson, chairwoman of Stony Stratford in Bloom, said: "This time we won with a Silver Gilt rather than Gold, so we're determined to gain back those extra three marks next year.

"We also won the Growing for Gold Regional Award for celebrating 50 Years of Britain in Bloom with Sunflowers.

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Flower power: The Stony Stratford in Bloom group wins Growing for Gold and Small Town Trophy

indeed as lots of children from St Mary and St Giles School and other groups got involved."

St Mary and St Giles School gained a Highly Commended Certificate in the Mark Mattock School Competition.

Another group growing with glory was Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council which won the Urban Community Trophy with Silver Gilt.

It also gained the Regional Award for Heritage which was a tribute to the work of Denise Ilett, who died earlier this year.

Last year Denise, 64, was given a personal award by BIB judges for her outstanding commitment to the community.

Town councillor Hilary Saunders said she was missed by the community this year, but 'she would be really proud as we got higher marks than last year and did not let her hard work go to waste'.

Newport Pagnell re-entered the competition this year, gaining a Silver Gilt in the Large Town category.

Judges praised the community spirit and the 'magnificent' hanging baskets.

Finally, Tinkers Bridge Residents' Association, The Mount Garden Group in Simpson and Netherfield Environmental Team were also praised for their neighbourhood groups.

Judy added: "MK can be very proud of all it has achieved in this BIB year."

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He will be sadly missed by his loving wife Ruth, his children Alec, Samantha, Abigail and Mathew, together with their spouses and his grandchildren.
The funeral service will take place at St Andrew's Church, Ampthill on Thursday 25th September at 11.30am.
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MKEDUCATION

Exciting times at Denbigh

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE new headteacher of Denbigh is enjoying his 'dream job' - and welcomed his school being accredited to train its own teachers.

Andy Squires recently took over the main job from Sarah Parker, having served as deputy head under her leadership for 11 years.

His role starts at what he calls an 'exciting time' for the school, after it was named as one of 32 national leaders in a Government-backed maths hub scheme, and an expansion project to increase the size of its buildings - and with it the number of students it can take on.

But the latest development, where the school can now train teachers for the first time, is something that Andy is particularly proud of.

Denbigh School has been accredited as a SCITT (school centred initial teacher training) facility which means it can allow trainee teachers a chance to learn 'on the job' for a year.

The school-led training courses result in trainees being awarded qualified teacher status which allows you to teach at any school in the UK.

Speaking to MK NEWS about the SCITT accreditation, Mr Squires said: "We will have our first set of trainee teachers beginning in 2015, and for the first time ever Milton Keynes will be training its own teachers.

"At the moment people are training at places on the edge of MK such as Cambridge, Bedford and Warwick. The big positive with this now is that we can tailor their training to the city's needs to give them that experience. A lot of people don't quite understand MK when they first arrive, so this will help. We can now make sure that the pipeline of new talented young teachers is coming through. Some of the best teachers in Milton Keynes are homegrown teachers because they know how the schools work.

"And we would like to see more students coming through and becoming teachers at their old school. One of the things we find is that once they complete their degree they come back to the area and live with mum and dad. We need to be speaking to these people and giving them teaching as a serious career opportunity. We have got teachers here at Denbigh who I have taught, which makes me feel old, but they are committed to the area.

"I'm looking forward to it all. I learnt an awful lot from Sarah Parker over 11 years, and I feel I know the job well and it is my dream job. I'm proud of what we've achieved and what we can still do."

Learning from the best: New headteacher Andy Squires has learnt a lot from Sarah Parker as her deputy

Space journey for 10 students

THE sky is not the limit for students at Walton High School as they find out more about Europe's comet-chasing spacecraft.

Working with scientists from The Open University (OU), they have produced short videos about spacecraft Rosseta's world first mission to land on a comet.

The videos made are as part of the Walnut Tree school's digital media production course. Ten BTEC students visited the OU's campus at Walton Hall to find out about its work on this European mission.

They discovered what makes a great story while also learning how to script, choreograph and present pieces to camera.

The aim of the training sessions is to support students with the transition from school to university and/or work and get them interested in the social, economic and ethical impacts of university research.

Manisha Meisuria, media production teacher at Walton High, said: "The OU have provided our students with an invaluable experience in film-making. The students have also learnt about an area of cutting-edge research in the process."

MKEDUCATIONBRIEFS

Webber making history

PRE-prep children at The Webber Independent School brought history to life by dressing up as characters from a bygone area. Pupils dressed up as Christopher Columbus, Marie Curie and Charles Dickens among others. Principal Sue Vig said: "It's so important to find fun and engaging methods to help bring our children's learning to life."

Dr Julie comes on board

THE principal of Milton Keynes College has accepted an invitation to join the board of Milton Keynes Business Leaders Partnership. The partnership aims to influence decision makers on business issues. Dr Julie Mills said: "I see my joining as an endorsement of the work we have been doing to make MK College more open to business."

Nabil's the new principal

NABIL Chabaan has replaced the retiring John O'Donnell as principal of The Radcliffe School in Wolverton. Mr Chabaan arrives from Burnham Park Academy in Berkshire. A former global head of IT for an international bank, Mr Chabaan turned the school around from 34 per cent of students receiving five A*-C grades at GCSE (including English and maths) to 54 per cent by August last year.

Russell Street on mark

CHILDREN at Russell Street School in Stony Stratford are at the forefront of using technology to enhance their work, and that's official! The school has been awarded the prestigious ICT Mark by Naace, recognising success in developing the use of technology across both admin and the curriculum. Read more at www.mkweb.co.uk.

Funded childcare for little ones

MILTON Keynes Council is a step closer to providing funded early education and childcare places for eligible two year olds.

Under the 'Time for Twos' scheme families can access up to 15 hours a week of free high quality childcare in a nursery, pre-school or with a childminder. Industry magazine Children and Young People Now gathered the data which shows that MK is on its way to meeting the Government's estimated number of places required.

Councillor Sarah Betteley, cabinet member responsible for childcare, said: "This shows that the work we are doing is having a positive impact."

To find out if you are eligible, visit www.mkweb.co.uk.

School wears jeans for genes

Donning denim: Students model their jeans for Genetic Disorder

STUDENTS and staff at The Webber Independent School swapped their skirts and trousers for jeans on Friday.

The Stantonbury Fields school raised £150 for Genetic Disorders UK - which aims to change the world for children with genetic disorders. Each person paid £1 to wear their jeans for genes and the money raised helps to fund the extra care and support that transforms children's lives.

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She'll dress to impress 'cos she's the singer of your song

ONE thing everyone knows about going on a cruise, is that you've got to have a few gorgeous gowns squirrelled away in your luggage.

Jane McDonald clearly learnt the lesson in 1998 when, as an emerging club and cabaret performer, she landed a series of gigs on some of the big cruise liners and became an overnight singing sensation and star of the TV docusoap, The Cruise.

The down to earth Yorkshire lass may have kept her accent and her sense of humour but she's gone through a fair old array of fabulous frocks since her rise to fame.

Now relieved of her 10 year stint on Loose Women she's back on the road doing the thing she loves best; giving her fans a good night out.

Her new album The Singer of your Song takes its title from one of her own compositions.

"I've written The Singer Of Your Song as a salute to the fans," says Jane. "It's why I travel all those miles to all those places and why they travel miles to see me. My show releases tears, emotion, whatever. Everyone comes for the nostalgia and the show is for them. All I do is sing songs; that's what I do."

Jane is appearing in several phenomenal frocks at MK Theatre on Wednesday, October 1.

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harpsbizarre

HAVE you ever wondered, as your home descends into chaos, whether your kids were swapped at birth and you were palmed off with faerie children? No? Bizarre at it is, in some parts of the world, they still do.

Okay, probably not in Wavendon but, on Friday at 8.45pm on Stage 2 at The Stables, singer, harpist and fiddler Rachel Newton will be performing material from her new harp-driven concept album, Changeling, which is about exactly that.

With the full album line-up pared down for the tour to just three musicians (Rachel is joined by Lauren MacColl on fiddle and Mattie Foulds on percussion), the numbers include reels and traditional ballads as well as Newton's own haunting airs that are heavily influenced by the Gaelic folk songs that she grew up with.

Founder member of The Shee, The Emily Portman Trio and new band, The Furrow Collective, this is an opportunity for Rachel to highlight her solo work and for you, the audience, to be blown away by the magic of it. For more details visit stables.org or call 01908 280800.

WALKING the dog is one of our favourite pastimes. But as veterinary surgeon at Vets4Pets in Bletchley AMY CONVERSE explains, there are rare occasions when it can go wrong

DO YOU and your dog like to go walking in the woods?

One of the most enjoyable aspects of being a dog owner is spending time outdoors with your furry companion.

As autumn is approaching, it is important to be aware of a condition that can affect dogs that go walking in the woodland during this time of year.

Seasonal Canine Illness (SCI) affects dogs walked in woodland from the months of August to November usually.

It can be found in any area with woods and it is unclear what the underlying cause of this illness is which makes it very mysterious.

Signs SCI include vomiting, diarrhoea, lethargy, fever, and tummy pain.

If you are concerned about your dog, it is best to seek immediate veterinary advice.

Signs come on very quickly, usually within a few hours of access to woodland.

There are no known preventative measures, but asking your vet about a topical mite spray before a walk may help.

More tips can be found at **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

cabaretcapers

DIRECT from London's West End, Europe's biggest burlesque show is now coming to Milton Keynes.

And we have teamed up with the producers of the superb An Evening of Burlesque to give away five pairs of tickets to see the show at Milton Keynes Theatre on October 16.

An Evening of Burlesque exposes the cream of the West End of London's thriving burlesque scene to the world.

Featuring corsets, killer heels and stockings aplenty, it sparkles from its elaborately decorated headdresses to its immaculately varnished toes.

A combination of sultry vocals, breathtaking choreography, mischief, magic, frivolity and fun, the show combines musical and theatrical parody, variety, magic, comedy and dance with the art of striptease.

For over-18s only, An Evening of Burlesque is the slickest, wickedly wittiest, most delightfully choreographed cabaret spectacular of the year. Dress up and come to the cabaret.

To be in with a shot at winning tickets to this amazing show, answer this simple question:

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A) Paris
B) Bordeaux
C) Toulouse

Enter on our website at www.mkweb.co.uk/competitions. Alternatively, send your answer, name, address and daytime phone number to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU by noon on October 1 The editor's decision is final

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dinozoo

DO YOU think he saw us? That depends on how brave and how prepared you are to get up close to these prehistoric creatures.

It comes as no real surprise that Dinosaur Zoo has been a global hit. Almost every child goes through a dino-mad phase at some point in their lives.

This show, that comes to MK Theatre next week direct from the West End, gives them the chance to interact with the life-like puppets – from cute baby Brachiosauri to teeth-gnashing, ravenous reptiles!

Giant flying bugs swoop overhead as some children get to go on stage to help out as trainee zookeepers, everyone is invited to meet the Australovenator and, for those children who would rather keep their distance, there's a post-show meet and greet with the baby dinos.

Visit atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes for ticket and performance details.

entertonezone

COMEDY fans can Enter The Tonezone on Sunday, October 5 when Tony Law comes to That Time of the Month Comedy Club.

A brand new show of life-affirming, life-changing comedy from the multi award-winning nonsense-maker is coming to The Cannon in Newport Pagnell's High Street.

The gig follows Law's award-winning Maximum Nonsense and the box office smash hit Nonsense Overdrive.

Law is a regular on the likes of 8 Out of 10 Cats, Have I Got News For You and Never Mind the Buzzcocks.

He has won a stack of awards throughout his comedic career and his trophy cabinet includes Chortle Best Live Show in 2013, Chortle Best Club Comic Award winner 2013 and Chortle Best Breakthrough Act Award winner 2012. He was also a Foster's Edinburgh Comedy Award nominee in 2012.

To book your tickets, which cost £11, visit www.wegottickets.com

huggingbear

HUGLESS Douglas is a young brown bear who wakes up one morning in need of a hug.

He tries to find the perfect one, but none of them seem quite right.

If you enjoy reading David Melling's picture books then you're in for a treat with this new stage adaptation.

Packed full of family fun and happy hugging, little cubs aged three to seven years old will love this heartwarming tale.

Established in 1998, the magical minds at Blunderbus have created enchanting theatrical experiences for children all around the world.

Join Douglas in his show full of laughter and songs at Stantonbury Theatre at 2.30pm on Saturday.

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Saturday 27 September, 2pm THE MAGIC PORRIDGE POT
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filmreview

LIAM Neeson has taken the action thriller role to heart and his latest outing as Matt Scudder is no exception.

A Walk Among the Tombstones follows Scudder, an ex NYPD cop operating outside the law, who reluctantly agrees to help a drug trafficker hunt down the men who kidnapped and murdered his wife. But he soon learns this is not the first and now it's a race against time to catch them before they kill again.

The grimy urban setting and graffiti covered streets of Brooklyn, with a few run down apartments thrown in, make for atmospheric viewing but while the setting is enough to send chills down your spine the story, unfortunately, is less assured. Scenes of torture try to mask the weak plot but it does little to help the story move along.

Neeson does manage to pull off a compelling anti-hero performance: he's rough around the edges and suits the role of secretive sleuth perfectly.

Unfortunately the rest falls a bit flat for a film that's meant to be a crime thriller. What we're left with is a great performance from Neeson with the occasional shock, but everything else lets it down.

★★★☆☆ **Rachael West**

fashionfrenzy

FASHIONISTAS can enjoy four days featuring the latest trends set to hit stores this autumn/winter.

The Theatre of Fashion returns to the centre:mk from tomorrow until Sunday.

Middleton Hall will be transformed with a runway and models featuring catwalk looks from retailers within the shopping centre.

There will also be demonstrations and workshops to take part in.

The event is open Thursday and Friday 9am-8pm, Saturday 9am-7pm and Sunday 11am-5pm.

doctorwho

I'M sorry Doctor Who fans, but I'm really not a fan of the new man in control of the Tardis, writes Scott Kirk.

I just find him a bit too boring and for the first time in years, I've switched off.

He's not a patch on David Tennant – who was the best Doctor ever in my book – and the very good Matt Smith, and he just doesn't seem very interesting to me.

The final straw was the fact that the third episode was based on Robin Hood, which has to be one of the laziest and most tired attempts at a storyline I've ever seen.

Doctor Who is on BBC One at 7.30pm on Saturdays for those of you who want to watch.

futurecity

IT'S no wild exaggeration that town planners of old have, from time to time, made a right mess of things.

So it's all the more important that any discussions about what happens in MK in the years to come are open, wide-ranging and inclusive: let we who live here have a say.

To encourage creative discussion and debate, over the next few months MK Gallery is collaborating with The Fred Roche Foundation to host several talks focusing on the vital issues. The first free Future City Debate: Connected Lifestyles is tomorrow at 7pm. More details at **www.mkweb.co.uk.**

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

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comicmelody

VIN Garbutt will be performing at the Song Loft next week.

The folk singer, whose career spans 40 years, brings comedy to his songs and will be supported by Kelly Oliver. Tickets for the concert, on Thursday, October 2 at 8.15pm, cost £10 in advance, or £12.50 on the door. Visit www.thesongloft.co.uk

classicalcall

FANS of classical music can enjoy two events this week.

On Monday The Sixteen Choral Concert will be held at City Church from 7.30pm. Tickets cost between £15 and £20 from 01908 246486.

On Tuesday MK City Orchestra will take to the stage of Milton Keynes Theatre from 7.30pm.

Tickets, costing from £10-34, are available at www.mkco.org

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makemonsters

COME along to MK Gallery on Saturday and help your little monsters create their own crazy creatures.

Using a range of scrap materials provided by Milton Keynes Play Association, the team will give you the skills to make an amazing monster, a friendly critter, a terrific tower or whatever you decide to make.

The workshop is part of a schedule of free events for Mini Makers.

The event, taking place from 1-3pm, is for children aged five and over. Visit www.mkgallery.org to book your place.

michaeljackson

JACKSON Live in Concert will be coming to Milton Keynes Theatre for one night only.

Star Ben recreates the Michael Jackson experience with his stunning rendition of all his favourite songs.

His portrayal of Jackson has to be the most accurate tribute to the King of Pop to have ever toured UK theatres.

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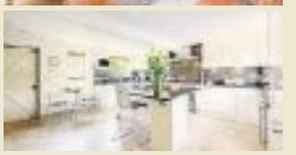

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- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Double Garage

A refurbished four bedroom detached property on a corner plot located in the sought after area of Tattenhoe. The property in brief comprises dining room, lounge, re-fitted kitchen/breakfast, Juliette balcony, en-suite and a family bathroom.

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Grange Farm

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Three Bathrooms
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OIEO £695,000

Willen

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Double Garage
- Two Ponds

Abbotts Barn is situated in a very tranquil location within walking distance of the Church in the old part of Willen Village. In brief the property comprises four bedrooms, three reception rooms, gardens, double garage and ample off road parking.

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- Garage
- Garden

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- Family Bathroom

Bletchley **£199,995**

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- Re-fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Impressive Property
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Bletchley **£179,995**

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- Two Bedrooms
- Family Shower Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Viewing Recommended

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- Residents' Parking

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Monkston **£250,000**

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- Living Room & Kitchen
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Garage & No Onward Chain

Wavendon Gate **OIEO £300,000**

- Detached House
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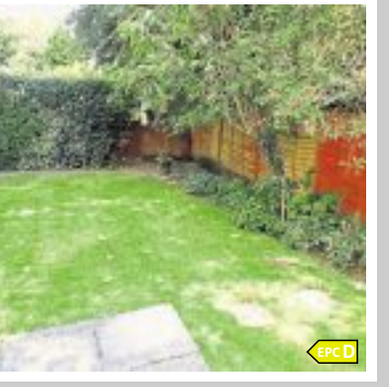

Woburn Sands **£275,000**

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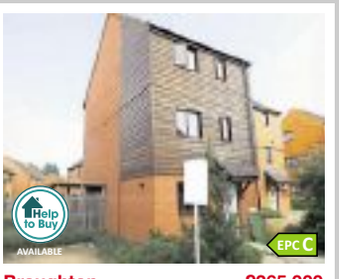

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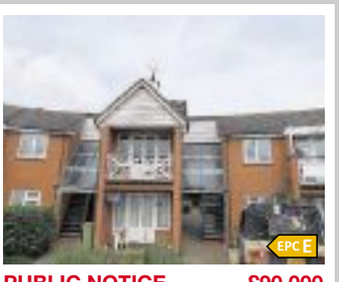

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Oldbrook £225,000

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Willen £215,000

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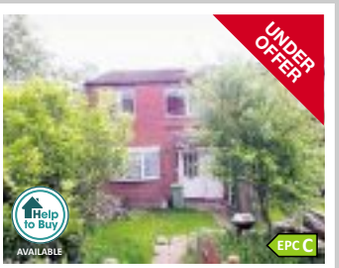

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Blakelands £185,000

- Semi Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

Two Mile Ash £179,995

- Two bedroom Terraced Home
- Double Glazing Throughout
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Broughton £179,995

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- Kitchen & Bathroom
- Parking

Downs Barn OIEO £165,000

- Two Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Lounge, Diner & Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gardens & Off Road Parking

Monkston £165,000

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge/Dining Room & Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Parking & No Chain

Stantonbury OIEO £160,000

- Three Bedroom End Terraced Home
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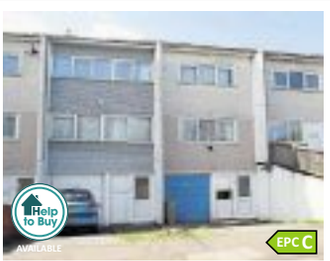

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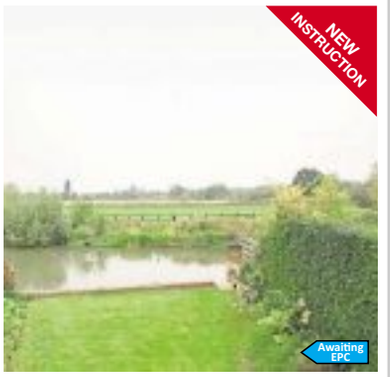

Newport Pagnell Guide Price £450,000

- Seven Bedroom Character Home
- Jetty onto the River
- Open Countryside Views
- Fantastic Location
- Rear Garden Overlooking River

Giffard Park **£358,999**

- Four Bedroom Home
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted En-Suite

Milton Keynes **£340,000**

- Detached Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Cul-de-Sac Location

Newport Pagnell **£250,000**

- Semi Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

Newport Pagnell **£249,995**

- Semi Detached Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Large Sized Rooms
- Family Bathroom
- No Chain

Leaside **£240,000**

- Three Bedroom Home
- Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking & Garage

Newport Pagnell **£210,000**

- End Terraced Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Modernised with Character
- Luxurious Master Suite
- No Chain

Newport Pagnell **OIEO £182,000**

- Character Home
- Grade II Listed
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens

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Westcroft Milton Keynes 01908 850984

Westcroft **£365,000**

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Westcroft **£360,000**

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Three Reception Rooms
- Sought After Area of Westcroft
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

WANTED
We urgently require a 1 or 2 bed shared ownership for Mr O'Mara a financially qualified buyer. Call 01908 524456 if you are looking to sell.

Westcroft **£349,995**

- Five Bedroom Family Home
- Cloakroom & Utility Room
- Kitchen/Diner
- En-Suite & Bathroom

Westcroft **£340,000**

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Gardens & Off Road Parking

Kingsmead **£165,950**

- More Properties Required
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge

Milton Keynes **£85,000**

- Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Living Space
- Bathroom
- Shared Ownership

WANTED
Mr C urgently requires a 3 bedroom house in West Milton Keynes. Call 01908 524456 if looking to sell.

Milton Keynes **£345,000**

- Four Bedroom Detached Home
- Kitchen & Conservatory
- Utility Room & Study
- En-Suite & Bathroom
- Garden & Double Garage

Milton Keynes **£325,000**

- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Spacious Accommodation
- Conservatory & South Facing Garden
- Garage & Off Road Parking

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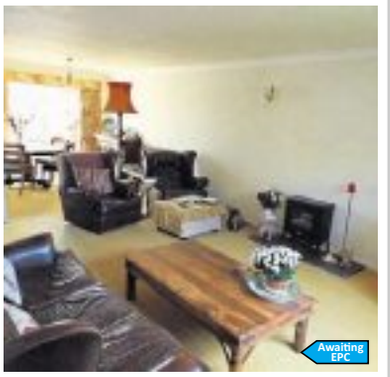
Stony Stratford 01908 850979



Whaddon £420,000
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Popular Village Location
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- Conservatory & Rear garden

Two Mile Ash £340,000
- Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory

Stony Stratford £325,000
- Terraced Property
- Original Features
- Three Bedrooms
- Garden
- Three Reception Rooms

Deanshanger OIEO £225,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Extended Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room

Hanslope £225,000
- Picturesque Penthouse
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge/Kitchen/Diner

Fullers Slade £215,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Utility Room & Cloakroom

Potterspury £200,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory & Utility Room

Deanshanger £190,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Extended Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazing

Two Mile Ash £175,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Dining Room & Kitchen
- Garden & Garage

Two Mile Ash £160,000
- Two Bedroom Property
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Popular Location
- Allocated Parking

McCorquodale Road £140,000
- Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- No Chain, Close to Amenities
- En-Suite and Bathroom
- Ideal First Time/Investment Buy

Moorfoot £125,000
- Three Bedroom Property
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom
- Bathroom

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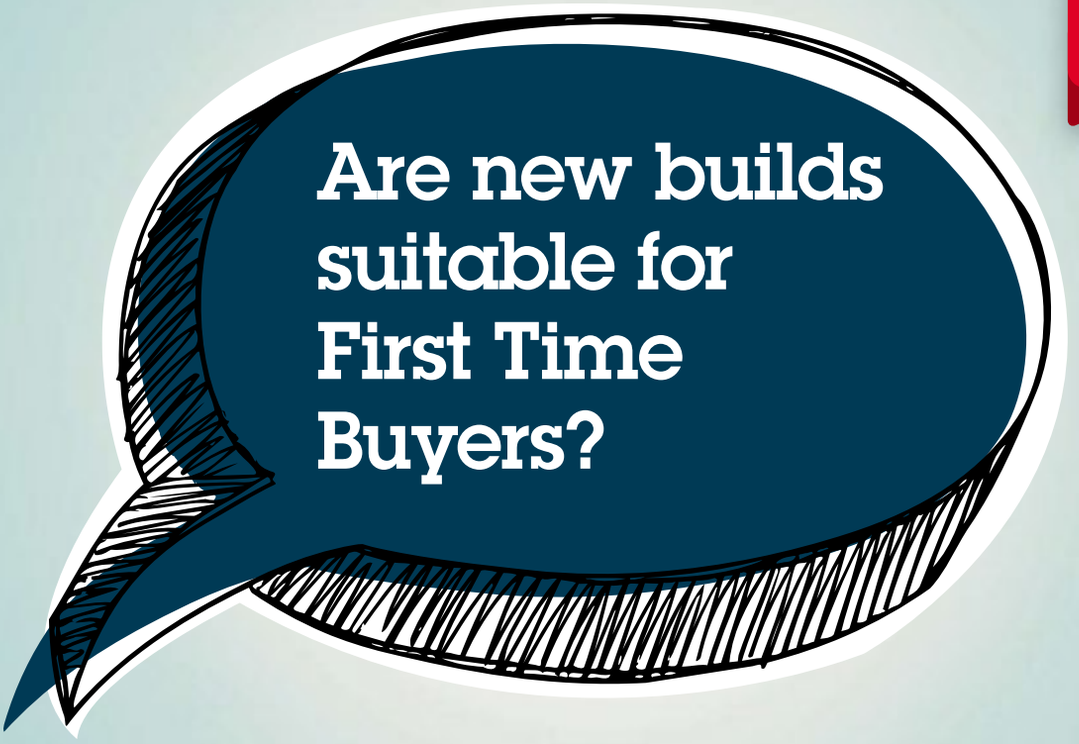

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An absolutely stunning property from top to bottom. Set over three floors this town house must be viewed. There is a spacious kitchen/diner with french doors opening onto the decking and a roof top balcony from the lounge. Broughton is situated with good road links to the M1 and the A421.

Broughton Gate Offers in Excess £300,000

OPEN DAY Saturday 27th September Between 12pm and 2pm. Call to book your appointment time. A modern four bedroom detached with garage situated in close proximity of the vibrant small market town of Buckingham which has the river Great Ouse winding through its centre. The property is well presented throughout and offers all you need for family living.

Buckingham Offers in Excess £300,000

This is a house that needs to be put to the top of your list. The property is offered in excellent condition throughout and has bright and well proportioned accommodation. Other benefits are neat and tidy gardens, a detached double garage and located in a cul-de-sac position.

Bletchley £325,000

- Bungalow
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Garage
- No Above Chain

Eaglestone £179,950

- Ground Floor Flat
- Intercom Entry
- Double Glazed
- Radiator Heating
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom

Bletchley £115,000

- Non Overlooked To Front
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Part Converted Garage
- Near To Grand Union Canal

Bletchley £245,000

- Secure Entry
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- En-Suite To Master
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking

Oakhill £169,950

- Studio Apartment
- Lounge/Bedroom Area
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Double Glazed
- Rear Garden
- Near To Hospital
- No Above Chain

Eaglestone £89,950

- Town House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Driveway
- No Above Chain

Stony Stratford Offers in Excess £190,000

- Modern Apartment
- Central Location
- One Bedroom
- Lounge Area
- Kitchen Area
- Bathroom
- Secure Entry
- No Above Chain

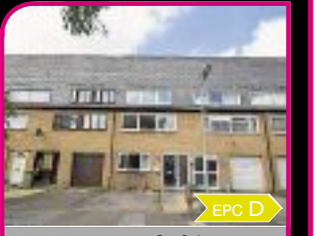
The HUB £169,995

- Duplex Apartment
- Shower Room
- Lounge/Diner
- Bedroom
- Kitchen
- Balcony From Lounge & Bedroom
- Well Presented

Walnut Tree £122,000

- Second Floor Apartment
- Secure Entry
- Lounge Area
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- No Above Chain
- Near To Central Milton Keynes

Fishermead £90,000



- Refurbished
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Lounge
- Four Bedrooms
- Re-fitted En-Suite
- Re-fitted Family Bathroom
- No Above Chain

Stantonbury Offers in Excess £200,000

- Top Floor
- Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge & Kitchen Area
- One Bedroom
- Shower Room
- Allocated Parking
- FEES APPLY

New Bradwell pcm £675

- REDUCED ADMIN FEE
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- Utility Room
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Shenley Brook End pcm £1,250

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- Desireable School Catchment
- Four Bedrooms
- En-suite to Master
- Garage
- Internal Viewings Recommended
- Available 1st October
- FEES APPLY

Oxley Park pcm £1,350

- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Brand New Kitchen
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- Lounge With Balcony
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Two En-Suites
- Integral Garage
- FEES APPLY

Campbell Park pcm £1,400

- Recently Refurbished
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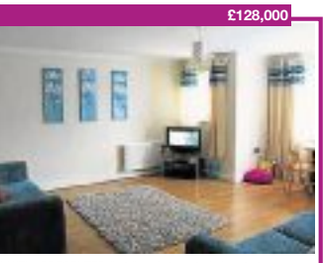
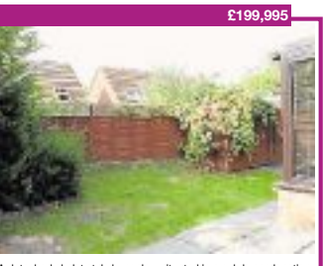


A WELL PRESENTED first floor flat located close to the hospital. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen with built in oven and hob, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom and allocated parking. E P C rating B.

GREAT LINFORD - VACANT, QUICK SALE REQUIRED **£199,995**



A detached chalet style bungalow situated in a cul de sac location offering versatile accommodation comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, 23' lounge/diner, conservatory, refitted kitchen, two/three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens and parking. EPC rating E.

BROWNS WOOD - ATTENTION INVESTORS AND FIRST TIME BUYERS **£150,000**

A cluster home located in a cul de sac. The property benefits from replacement double glazing and comprises entrance hall, lounge, REFITTED KITCHEN, TWO BEDROOMS, bathroom, garden and allocated parking. E P C rating D.

BLETCHLEY - EXTENDED AND MUCH IMPROVED **£226,995**

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The first floor consists of four good size bedrooms, three of them doubles with en-suite to master and a family bathroom. The property also benefits from a garage and parking.

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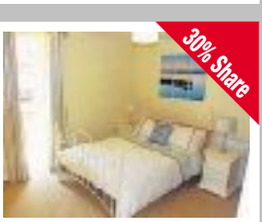

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- . 2nd Floor Has 2 Bedrooms & Bathroom.

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Shenley Brook End £440,000

Cart Barn is an attractive 3 bedroom home constructed of brick under a natural slate roof. With many character features including a triangular dormer window, dual aspect arch top bespoke hardwood screen and patio doors in the sitting room. On the ground floor there are two reception rooms, kitchen with patio doors to the rear garden, guest en-suite, utility and cloakroom. On the first floor there are two further bedrooms with a family bathroom. The garden is mainly laid to lawn with a natural stone patio and allocated parking for 2 cars.

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One Remaining

The Chase **£300,000**

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Last TWO Remaining

East Milton Keynes From £134,950

This apartment located at Walton Grange are ideally suited for first time buyers, investors, those requiring commuter links, good school catchment, proximity to local lakes and parkland. The modern open plan living area boasts high quality kitchen with fitted units, oven and hob. The bathroom is finished to a high standard with a choice of tiles available. Walton Grange is located close to Caldecotte Lake is and a short drive from the vibrant city of Milton Keynes, offering a wide range of shopping, restaurants, cinema, theatre, and night life.

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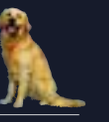

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£15,882 - £17,333 pro rata **Ref: 59000265**
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Full time, 37 hours per week

We are looking to add another permanent member to our Performance Team to support our work on collecting and analysing school and performance data. If your interests and/or experiences lie in handling data and statistical analysis, then this role may be for you.

In the role of Data Analysis and Performance Officer (Learning), we expect you to work alongside team members and assist with the collection of statutory and non-statutory school and other performance data and to be involved with the manipulation, validation, analysis and presentation of data.

You should be well experienced with working on complex spreadsheets and databases and have a sound understanding of how to format, analyse and evaluate large data sets and present information in a user-friendly way.

Knowledge of schools' statutory census and assessment data and the Tribal Synergy system would be highly desirable.

For an informal discussion please contact Danyel Islam on 0300 300 4542 or email: danyel.islam@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

To apply, please visit www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/jobs

Closing date: 26 October 2014
Interview date: 12 November 2014

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We are committed to equal opportunities.

Wavendon Gate School Milton Keynes

Number on roll: 420; age range: 4 to 11.

Pupil Admin Assistant for October 2014

10.00 – 4.30pm Monday to Friday - 30 hours per week
Made up of 22.5 hours per week for 39 weeks per year (includes 5 inset days per year), plus 7.5 hours per week on 1 year temporary contract for 38 weeks per year.

Grade C1 £15,882 (actual salary £8221 + £2674)

Are you looking for a new and challenging opportunity?

We are looking for an outstanding individual to be our pupil admin assistant, someone with a helpful and efficient manner and the ability to work effectively within a supportive and flexible team.

You will need to be an experienced administrator because you will be responsible for a variety of pupil administration from admissions, attendance, visits & journeys, sports & music clubs and performances to leavers. You also need to provide a warm and friendly welcome for all visitors to the school.

Wavendon Gate is an innovative and forward-thinking school with wonderful children. Our staff are committed to the continued development of our successful and popular school.

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- a committed and friendly staff
- the support of an established Administration Team.

If this sounds interesting, please

- contact us by phone (01908 586394) or e-mail (admin@wavendongateschool.co.uk) for an application form or further details. Please put 'Pupil Admin Assistant vacancy' in the subject line.
- visit our school website at www.wavendongateschool.co.uk

Closing date: Thursday 9th October 2014 at 4.00pm
Interviews will be held during the week beginning 13th October 2014.

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Bedford Modern School.

Sports Assistant

We require an enthusiastic sports assistant with an expertise in coaching or playing Rugby Union. This position will appeal to graduates who are looking to develop their skills and gain experience for a potential career in teaching or sports coaching.

The successful candidate will be highly motivated and fully prepared to undertake the demands of working in an outstanding co-educational day school. Significant coaching experience and formal coaching qualifications are not expected, although would be an advantage. Applications are welcome from graduates in any subject.

Candidates should be willing to contribute to the extensive co-curricular life of this excellent, happy and caring school.

Trips Coordinator and School Administrator

We also have a vacancy for an experienced administrator in our School office primarily supporting the management and coordination of our School trips but also providing general administrative support to the School. Applicants will have experience of working in a busy office environment, preferably in an educational setting, and will have first-class administrative and organisational skills. We run in excess of 200 trips per year including day and residential trips and tours. This role therefore provides critical support to our extensive teaching and support staff.

If you can work independently as well as operate as an effective member of a busy team, build strong relationships, balance diverse and conflicting priorities, and enjoy the satisfaction of a job well done, we would like to hear from you.

The post is full time, term time only plus training days and 4 additional weeks to be worked over school closure periods.

Closing date for both vacancies: Midnight on 01 October 2014

Interviews for both vacancies: Week commencing 06 October 2014

Further details can be found on the website. Completed application forms should be returned to Bedford Modern School, Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7NT or by email: hr@bedmod.co.uk

All posts are subject to enhanced DBS clearance.

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Bedford Modern School is part of The Harpur Trust

BEDFORDSHIRE EAST MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST (BEMAT)

Bedfordshire East Multi-Academy Trust is an alliance of unique educational institutions committed to collegiate educational provision across our community. Our Trust will take collective responsibility for the success of all children. We will be a powerful voice and one local accountable organisation delivering a commonly designed curriculum from 2+ to 19. Our collective actions will show a widespread conviction that we mean business together. There are presently six academies within the Trust and we are committed to growing.

We have the following vacancies within BEMAT and welcome applications from suitably qualified candidates.

FULL TIME OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS

1x Post, 37 hours per week term time only
1x Post, 37 hours per week term time plus 2 weeks
GRADE 4A POINTS 21-24 (£19,510 - £21,277 PRO RATA)

The Office Administrator is the senior member of the school administration team, tasked with providing an efficient support service to the Senior Management Team and the Teaching Staff.

PART TIME FINANCE ASSISTANTS

1x 27.5 hours per week term time only
1x 22.5 hours per week term time only
GRADE 2A POINTS 10-13 (£14,153 - £15,754 PRO RATA)

The role of the Finance Assistant is to process and record financial transactions for the school, including purchase orders, invoices and cash received.

FULL TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Robert Bloomfield Academy Teaching School
GRADE 2A POINTS 10-13 (£14,153 - £15,754 PRO RATA)

This role is to provide administrative support to the Teaching School including the organisation of events, minute taking and dealing with general enquiries from other schools.

Closing date: 12 NOON ON MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER WITH INTERVIEWS THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

Job descriptions, person specifications and application forms are available on the Trust website www.best-schools.org.uk/whats-happening/vacancies. For general enquiries please contact Sue Green at sgreen@bemat.org.uk or telephone 01462 811519. All completed application forms to be sent to Sue Green, Bedfordshire East Multi Academy Trust, BEST House, Shefford Road, Clifton, SG17 5QS or emailed to sgreen@bemat.org.uk.

BEMAT is a unique alliance, made up of Gothic Mede Academy, Gravenhurst Academy, Etonbury Academy, Langford Village Academy, Robert Bloomfield Academy and Samuel Whitbread Academy, which is committed to collegiate educational provision across our community. We take collective responsibility for the success of all children through the delivery of a commonly designed curriculum from 2+ to 19. We are committed to the safeguarding and promotion of children's welfare and all job offers are subject to satisfactory DBS. The successful candidate will be expected to work across BEMAT Academies / Schools as required.

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Faculty Teaching Assistant
Level 3 Cover Supervisor

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Actual annual salary £15,317.58

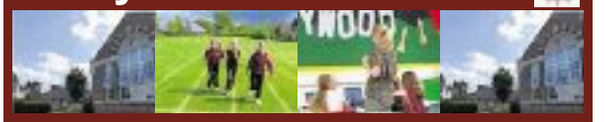
We are seeking to appoint an organised, proactive and reliable
Faculty Teaching Assistant – Cover Supervisor to join our team of Faculty Teaching Assistants.
The Teaching Assistant Level 3 role includes the supervision of students in lessons when the teacher is absent. The role also has an administrative aspect within the school, and applicants must be fully competent in the use of Microsoft Office applications. The successful candidate could also be asked to do practical work (e.g. preparing lesson resources or working with technical equipment) so flexibility is required.
Candidates should indicate, in their letter of application, if there are any areas of school life they are particularly interested in supporting (e.g. English, Maths, Science, Wellbeing, Enterprise, Languages, Performing Arts, Creative Technologies, Humanities).

A candidate booklet and application form can be downloaded from the vacancies area on the school website http://www.lordgrey.org.uk/general-information/vacancies/
Please note the application form is available on the right hand side of the aforementioned link.
Completed application form and covering letter should be submitted to Human Resources at Lord Grey or emailed to hr@lordgrey.org.uk by 9am on Thursday 9th October 2014.

The school is committed to safeguarding children.
The successful applicant will require an enhanced DBS check.

Rickley Lane, Bletchley,
Milton Keynes, MK3 6EW
Web: www.lordgrey.org.uk Headteacher: Dr Tracey Jones
Tel: 01908 626110 Fax: 01908 366 139

Olney Middle School



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School Business Manager MK8 / H1 (£32,072 - £33998) Permanent

We are looking for an approachable, organised and self-motivated School Business Manager to join our Leadership Team. The School Business Manager plays a key role in supporting the Headteacher and Governors in managing the school's financial, HR and administrative services and enabling the school to grow and develop to meet our children's needs.

Are you someone who has:

- A commitment to delivering an excellent learning experience for children
- Experience of working in an education environment
- Excellent financial management skills and knowledge of school financial management systems
- The ability to provide strategic direction and deliver effective operational management
- Experience of staff and stakeholder management

We would welcome and encourage all interested applicants to visit the school. To arrange a visit please contact Peter Virnuls on 01234 711323. For an application pack please visit our school website.

Closing date for applications Monday 6th October 2014

Interview dates Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October

Olney Middle School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. This post is subject to enhanced DBS checks Olney Middle School, Yardley Road, Olney, Bucks, MK46 5DZ
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Home Carer (Nights)

£17,980 - £19,317 **Ref: 50015693**
24 hours per week

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This role is subject to safer recruitment practices.

For informal enquiries please contact Lyn Davies or Caroline Sterling on 01908 321359.

Care Assistant

£17,980 - £19,317 pro rata **Ref: 50019939**
24 hours per week

Courteney's Lodge is a Sheltered Housing with Care Scheme which enables people with dementia to live independently. In this key role, you will provide personal, social and emotional support to tenants. With or willing to achieve NVQ Level 2, you will have excellent communication and observation skills and a sound understanding of dementia.

This post is subject to safer recruitment practices.

For informal enquiries please contact Sarah-Jane Copeman, Courteney's Lodge, on 01908 502947.

Activity Co-ordinator

£15,882 - £17,333 pro rata **Ref: 59000265**
24 hours per week - fixed term contract for 12 months

Focused on maintaining and improving residents' independence, you will design and deliver a fully functional programme of activities and entertainment, working 24 hours a week, including every other weekend. Strong on health and safety and risk assessments, you will have NVQ Level 2 in care or equivalent experience.

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For informal enquiries please contact Sarah-Jane Copeman, Courteney's Lodge, on 01908 502947.

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Intermediate Care Worker

£17,980 - £19,317 **Ref: 50015785**
37 hours per week

You will work as a member of a team of care and health staff, based at Orchard House where we support adults aged from 55, assisting them to reach the maximum possible level of independence prior to their return to their own homes. An excellent communicator with an accurate, organised, and flexible approach, you will be prepared to take in-service training and gain NVQ Level 3. You will be required to work on a shift rotation of day and evening shifts, including weekends and bank holidays.

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For informal enquiries please contact Lyn Davies or Caroline Sterling on 01908 321359.

Purchasing & Procurement Officer

£17,980 - £19,317 **Ref: 50010811**

An excellent communicator, you will be responsible for processing payments for residential care and nursing homes, day care, supported living, and direct payment care packages. Able to assist with the effective management and forecasting of budgets, you will have an extensive understanding of financial procedures gained working in a financial environment.

For informal enquiries please contact Debbie Mason on 01908 253111.

Nursery Nurse

£17,980 - £19,317 pro rata **Ref: 59001436**
18.5 hours

The Rowans Day Nursery is looking for a nursery nurse with NVQ Level 3 in child care and experience with under fives to join the team. You will provide educational, social, emotional and physical activities that enable progression within the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

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For informal enquiries please contact Kelly Smith or Natasha Cerrone on 01908 394996.

Interview date: 21st October 2014

Closing date: 12th October 2014

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We are looking to appoint an experienced Teaching Assistant to join our team of committed, caring and dedicated support staff.

You will:

- be qualified at GCSE Grade C or above in Maths and English
- have good understanding and knowledge of synthetic phonics
- have experience of working both in mainstream and/or with SEN children

Educational Communicator

£16,604 - £17,980 p.a pro rata **Vacancy ID: 101892**

Full time / Part time positions available, term time plus 5 training days

We require an experienced Educational Communicator to support our HIP team in all aspects of the curriculum with deaf and hearing-impaired pupils aged 4-11 years, primarily within mainstream classes and under the direction of Teachers of the Deaf and Class teachers.

A minimum of CACDP Stage 2 British Sign Language together with GCSE Grade C or above in Maths and English is required.

You will be able to:

- enhance learning opportunities for hearing impaired pupils
- facilitate the intellectual and social development of hearing impaired pupils
- promote the successful inclusion of hearing impaired pupils into mainstream school life
- work with HIP and mainstream staff to increase deaf awareness
- contribute to the planning of teaching and learning for individual pupils with a hearing impairment
- work with individual pupils to support the achievement of targets in all curriculum areas
- undertake basic checking and testing of audiology equipment
- demonstrate a strong sense of teamwork

We can offer:

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- an exciting, enriching curriculum
- excellent resources

For any queries not addressed on the website please contact Paula Sanders on email: headspa@icknield.primaryluton.co.uk

To apply for this role, visit www.luton.gov.uk/jobs

Closing date: 30 September 2014 at 12noon.

Interview date: w/c: 6 October 2014.

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.

Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment.

Applicants must be willing to undergo child/vulnerable adult protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with previous employers and a Criminal Record check.

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Sports Development – Sport Coaches
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Sports Development Team

Occasional Qualified National Governing Body Coaches and Support Workers are required to deliver a range of sports coaching courses/activities that take place at a range of venues across the Borough. The sessions are organised throughout the year by the Sports Development Team and can be for adults or young people.

Sport Leader/Assistant Coach
£6.38 per hour — Quote ref: 0007469

Sports Coach - Level 1
£11.62 per hour — Quote ref: 0007470

Sports Coach - Level 2
£16.98 per hour — Quote ref: 0007472

Sports Coach - Level 3
£24.98 per hour — Quote ref: 0007473

Sports Coach - Level 4
£33.30 per hour — Quote ref: 0007473

Sports Development Support Worker
£7.71 per hour — Quote ref: 0002863

Senior Sports Development Support Worker
£11.63 per hour — Quote ref: 0003135

All of the above roles operate a causal contract.

Closing date for all of the above: 26 September 2014

Children's and Adults Services

Community Nurse – Learning Disability
£28,922 - £30,311 per annum pro rata — Quote ref: 0001519
Part-time, 18.5 hours per week

Closing date: 6 October 2014

Canvass Registration Assistant
Various salaries — Quote ref: 0002860

The Borough's Electoral Registration Officer is seeking Canvass Registration Assistants for various villages and urban neighbourhoods to make personal contact with those residents who have still not returned their Registration/Enquiry information at that stage of the canvass across the Borough.

Closing date: 29 September 2014

School Crossing Patrol
£13,321 - £14,013 pro rata per annum, plus supplement to bring pay in line with the Living Wage, which is currently £14,759 per annum, or £7.65 per hour — Quote ref: 0006802

Bedford Borough Council has vacancies for standby School Crossing Patrols based throughout Bedford Borough as and when required to cover absences, sickness, etc. Applicants must be able to stand for at least an hour whilst working outside in all weather conditions. Duty times are within term time only.
A uniform and full training is provided.

Closing date: 6 October 2014

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Leave entitlement 34 days per year (inc. bank holidays)

Further details and application packs for all school vacancies are available on the school website. Visits to the school are encouraged, by appointment.

Application closing date: Noon on Friday 26th September

Interviews are expected to be held during week commencing Monday 29th September.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. The post is subject to Enhanced DBS clearance and satisfactory employment history references.

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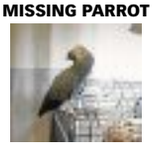

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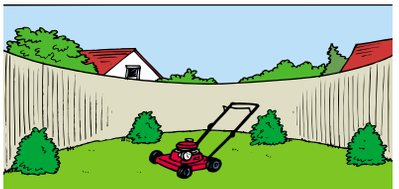

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of the rear access road of Church Street from its junction with Cambridge Street to its junction with Windsor Street in order to allow safe access to the water mains whilst essential repair works are carried out. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from 00:01am on 7th October 2014 to 23:00pm on 9th October 2014.

Whilst the temporary restrictions are in effect the alternative route will be via Cambridge Street, Stratford Road and Windsor Street, and vice versa.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure and its alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected residents will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

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SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
14/01909/FUL	Conversion of existing link detached double garage to habitable space for a disabled parent and construction of covered walk way from house to garage at 26 Lincesladе Grove, Loughton
14/01961/FUL	Ground remediation works comprising excavation, backfilling and reinstatement of site at Caravan Display Ground, 168 High Street, Stony Stratford
14/01962/FUL	Erection of a two storey rear extension at 17 High Street, Emberton
14/02020/TPO	Tree preservation order to fell 1 x Ash tree (T1) as close to ground level as possible and treat the stump at Peter Gardener Gunsmith, Water Lane Farm, 9 Water Lane, Sherington
	AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A CONSERVATION AREA
14/01922/TPO	Tree preservation order consent to fell to ground level 1x Ash tree (T1) at The Rectory, Pitcher Lane, Loughton
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
14/01891/FUL	Replacement of existing front window with 4 x new windows and design change (retrospective) at Myra Tiffin Performing Arts School, 1 Wolverton Road, Stony Stratford
14/01892/LBC	Listed building consent for replacement of existing front window with 4 x new windows and design change (retrospective) at Myra Tiffin Performing Arts School, 1 Wolverton Road, Stony Stratford
SECTION 67 & 73	**AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
14/01939/OUT	Outline permission for erection of one detached residential dwelling with carport at The Barn, 1 Thirlby Lane, Shenley Church End

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
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14/01738/FUL	Change of use from car show-room (sui generis) to car hire and offices at 43 Winchester Circle, Kingston
14/01790/REM	Reserved Matters application pursuant to outline planning permission 06/00123/MKPCO for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of 262 new dwellings and associated development at Western Expansion Area 11, Watling Street H2 To H3, Milton Keynes

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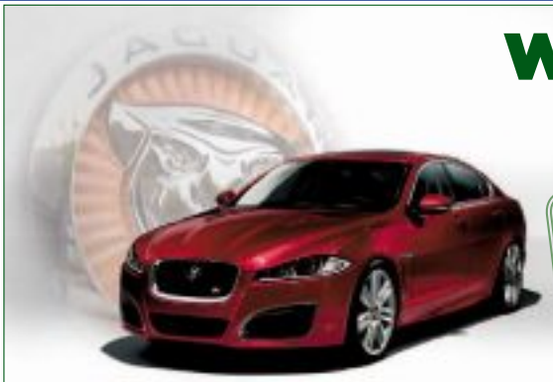
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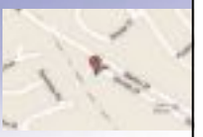

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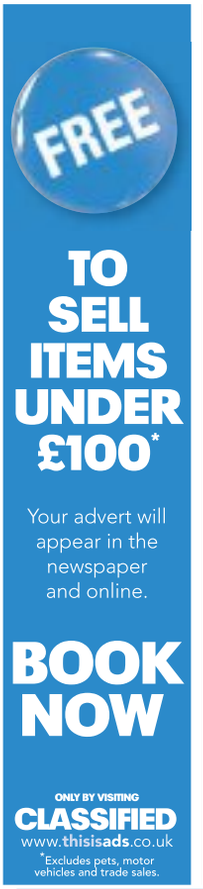

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STONY Stratford CC lost their final game of the season against champions Peterborough Town, but the defeat of bottom club Burton Latimer to Old Northamptonians meant they survived their relegation scare in the Northants Premier League.

Stony were bowled out for a paltry 64 in yet another batting failure as they fell to a mammoth 148-run loss.

Alex Strong was once again clinical with ball in hand though, picking up a four-wicket haul as Stony had their opponents wobbling on 90-6 at one point.

However, Peterborough went on to make 212, and Stony's poor batting in reply again proved their undoing.

Burton lost by eight wickets, and with only one side being relegated, Stony were able to survive by the skin of their teeth, although they will need to strengthen their batting line-up to avoid a repeat struggle next season.

RUGBY UNION

Olney fight back to win

OLNEY picked up a 24-19 win against Market Harborough as they fought from being 13-3 down to take victory in Midlands Two East South.

Jas Hawken scored a crucial converted try just before half time to bring the score back to 13-10, and second half efforts from Jonny Carr and Jonny Munday put Olney 24-13 up.

Harborough kicked two penalties but Olney were not to be denied as they made it two wins from two.

Bletchley's poor start to life in South West One East continued as they suffered an 18-0 home defeat at the hands of Chippenham, which leaves them bottom of the table after three games.

Milton Keynes were forced to call off their Southern Counties North clash against High Wycombe on account of the injury crisis they suffered in the Drifters defeat a week last Saturday. They only had one fit prop available and had to abandon the game.

MK Dons midfielder DARREN POTTER writes for MK News

MOST of the national newspapers obviously picked up on Dele Alli as he has a mention in a fair few of them, but it's a team performance and I don't think anyone expected us to beat Crewe Alexandra by the scoreline of 6-1.

We had a big win the weekend before against Barnsley and it was a similar story against Crewe in that we got the first goal, and soon enough we scored another five.

We're on the crest of a wave in the league at the moment and to be honest I don't think Crewe could have had many complaints if we had scored double figures on Saturday because we looked like we could have scored every time we went forward.

Dele scored a hat-trick and it's really easy playing alongside him.

He's just a natural footballer and an all-round good athlete, he's young, and there are times when I look around the pitch wondering 'where is he?'

It is just raw talent and he has a lot more learning to do, but two professional hat-tricks at 18 shows that he's doing something right.

We play as a two in our formation but I wouldn't want to hold him back – we're flexible as a team and you don't want two sitting midfielders throughout the game, so with his natural ability and quality you just have to let him do what he does.

Dele certainly has the potential to be one of the best, and I know it's a cliche but he has the world at his feet.

I know it's early days in the season but it's first v second on Saturday when we travel to Bristol City and we're really looking forward to it.

They're five points ahead of us but we have a game in hand, so there is a big opportunity to keep tabs on them this weekend, and the last thing we want is for them to go eight points clear of us.

In the past we have played our best games against the top sides, and generally it has been the teams lower down than us in the table where we have come unstuck, so we beat that in a fashion with the Crewe win on Saturday.

Taking flight: Dean Bowditch battles for the ball

Pictures: Andy Handley

Tussle: Ben Reeves holds off a challenge

Ricciardo gains ground on leaders in Red Bull two-three

FORMULA ONE

RED Bull Racing picked up an excellent two-three at the Singapore Grand Prix on Sunday, but not in the order that you may have grown accustomed to this season.

In a reversal of roles it was world champion Sebastian Vettel who came home second, with outside bet for this year's title Daniel Ricciardo home third.

Lewis Hamilton won the race for Mercedes, and took the championship lead after his team-mate Nico Rosberg retired.

Vettel managed to get past Ricciardo at the start, but Ferrari's Fernando Alonso also got away well.

But starting from fourth, Vettel worked his way up to second, while Australian Ricciardo maintained the third place position he managed to qualify in.

Team principal Christian Horner said he was delighted with the performance of the Tilbrook outfit's two drivers.

"The drivers did an incredible job today, and got the cars to the finish on what must have been minimal rubber by the end," he said.

"So, second and third is a great team performance, especially with the double pit stop during the race which was done in an exceptional time."

Vettel admitted that Singapore's floodlit street track was a circuit he liked, and after a good race he said there was no point trying to catch up to the dominant Hamilton.

"It's a circuit I like here, the atmosphere's great and it's a tough event," said the German.

"There was no point fighting Lewis at the end, he was on fresh tyres and I had to manage mine to the end as they were pretty old by then; that was the focus. It was nice to get the cold champagne on the podium."

The result lifts Vettel up to fifth in the championship, while Ricciardo, in third, has closed the gap between himself and the summit to 60 points. Next up is Suzuka, Japan, a week on Sunday, and Ricciardo insists that it is a track he likes.

"Suzuka is another track we can be optimistic for, so I'm looking forward to that," he said.

"This actually feels a bit like a home race here. Singapore to Perth is like Melbourne to Perth, so for west Australians it's not too far.

"We were really close to the Mercedes in qualifying and we expected the race pace to be a bit faster today.

"We weren't quick enough in the first stint and we had a few other issues going on, with brakes and some power issues that were coming and going, but in terms of points we still got a good handful to take away."

Under the lights: Sebastian Vettel climbs into his car

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Afobe brace books fourth round spot

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to give Dons the perfect start, and prove his starting credentials to boss Karl Robinson for the trip to table-topping Bristol City on Saturday.

Bradford attempted to make an immediate riposte as they went forward straight from the restart, but Billy Clarke's 20 yard strike was saved easily enough by David Martin.

Dons impressively dismantled bottom side Crewe Alexandra on Saturday in a 6-1 win, and the early goal gave the home side the confidence to strut their stuff as they looked to avenge last Tuesday night's 2-1 league defeat.

Mason Bennett went down in the Dons box rather easily in the 11th minute and referee Mick Russell rightly waved away appeals, while Dons' Ben Reeves had a shot charged down.

Both sides wanted to be on the front foot, which made for an intriguing first half as Dons and Bradford looked to make the next incision into the opposing defence, with Reeves sending a free kick from a dangerous position over the bar in the 21st minute.

A minute later and former Don Felipe Morais pinged a sensational, 50-yard crossfield ball on the right hand side, and after getting past Dean Lewington he sent his cross into the area, but Kyle McFadzean wasn't going to be beaten to the header, and he expertly dealt with the cross to clear the danger under the pressure of Oliver McBurnie.

City's Christopher Routis did well to head the ball away after slipping when a lofted pass was played forward, but the atmosphere felt somewhat lacklustre as Dons held onto their 1-0 lead.

McFadzean was proving resolute at the back as the visitors came forward again just after the half-hour, with Bennett trying a left-footed curler that wisped just wide of Martin's post.

Reeves fired a cross into the box on 35 minutes which proved too powerful for Dean Bowditch as he could only direct the ball over the goal as Dons looked to add to their lead.

The home side had a penalty shout of their own though when Samir Carruthers looked to have caught the trailing leg of Bennett, but the referee signalled for a corner to be given, despite

Wonderkid: Dele Alli drives forward

running in to give the decision as though a penalty may have been awarded.

Dons had the first opportunity of the second half when Bowditch fed Jordan Spence, who had come rushing forward, and from just outside the six-yard box he slid his effort just wide of the post as the score remained 1-0.

On 55 minutes Afobe had a double chance which were both thwarted by Ben Williams, while the on-loan striker fed Dele Alli a couple of minutes later as the 18-year-old kept his line to perfection to avoid being offside, but the ball didn't fall right in time for him, and the Bradford defender was able to make the block.

Dons had upped the ante in the second half, and McFadzean drilled a low, 25-yard effort against the post on 57 minutes with a superb strike. Afobe couldn't reach the follow-up, but Reeves could, and as he tried to thrash the ball home his shot was deflected to give Bradford a near miss.

James Meredith got behind Spence a few minutes later, but his cross was behind Billy Clarke.

However, Jason Kennedy followed up with a shot that could only strike sub Aaron McLean, and the danger was cleared by the hosts.

Dons were guilty of a couple of passes gone astray, and that led to Bradford gaining momentum and having a good spell attacking the Dons goal, which included Clarke and Kennedy firing efforts wide.

A second goal was needed to ease the home side's nerves as mistakes began to creep in, but that didn't come when Lewington smashed a long-range effort well over the bar in the 72nd minute, and while the score remained at 1-0, Bradford had reason to throw everything at the stadiummk outfit.

Another attack came on 75 minutes as Clarke had a 20-yarder deflected wide by the impressive McFadzean, which meant that Dons continued to hold on to their slender advantage.

It was easy to see why Bradford were sixth in League One after a good start to their campaign, as they looked comfortable on the ball and dangerous on the attack.

Antony Kay headed behind very bravely when an excellent cross was whipped in by Billy Knott, and it really was backs to the walls time.

With ten minutes left, Bradford had a huge chance. Morais found Kennedy at the near post, but the midfielder could only find Martin with his shot to the relief of the home fans.

The nerves may have been creeping in, but not as far as Afobe was concerned as he wrapped the game up with five minutes left. Alli played the perfect through-ball for the Arsenal loanee, and cool as you like it, he slotted the ball beyond Williams to book Dons' passage into the fourth round of the Capital One Cup.

Dons tried to rub salt into the wounds in injury time when Afobe got the wrong side of the defence, and he tried to play Alli in, but Bradford skipper Gary Liddle made a goal-saving sliding tackle to deny the 18-year-old a goal, and the score finished 2-0.

GOLF

Ian's bidding to be USA's Poulter-geist again

WOBURN Golf Club professional Ian Poulter will be hoping to haunt the United States yet again as he prepares to represent Europe in the Ryder Cup for a fifth time at Gleneagles.

Poulter has become synonymous with the competition after some stellar performances over the years, including two years ago at Medinah, when he won all four of his matches as Europe turned around a 10-6 deficit going into the final day to beat USA 14.5-13.5.

His Ryder Cup record reads that he has played 15, won 12 and lost three, giving him an 80 per cent success rate in the competition.

Speaking to Sky Sports, he said he loves the matchplay rules of the famous tournament.

"I like the mentality," said the wildcard pick. "When you're putting, if you hole the putt you win the hole and if you do make it you put your opponent under pressure.

"Dad wanted to be a footballer. He told me 'don't play to take part, play to win' and he didn't tell me once, he told me a hundred-thousand times.

"I want to win at everything I do and it never left me."

Ian's elder brother Dan meanwhile has excelled in golf business.

A key member of the team behind the successful launch of Ian's clothing label IJP Design, he has returned to life as a club pro and is excelling in his new role as head professional at Windmill Hill Golf Centre, Bletchley.

With membership up 30 per cent since his arrival in April, life has become so busy that he will not be able to prise himself from his role to attend the biennial matchplay showdown between Europe and America.

Dan, who has got used to watching his brother play in the biggest events across the world over the years, will be willing Ian on in the clubhouse of the rejuvenated club.

A big screen at the venue will be dedicated to the main event, where Dan will nervously watch as Paul McGinley's men take on Tom Watson's America over the PGA Centenary Course in Scotland.

"I'm really disappointed not to be going," he admitted.

"It's a shame but I have to be here to keep the momentum going during the Ryder Cup.

"It's always a little bit surreal watching Ian play in tournaments like this – in many ways it's frustrating.

"You desperately want him to do well and you feel like you can't watch but you have to watch at the same time.

"America have a really good team – they certainly won't be pushovers."

The Cup begins in Perthshire on Friday with four foursomes matches in the morning session, followed by four fourballs on the opening afternoon.

SPORTSSHORTS

ICE HOCKEY

MK LIGHTNING were beaten by bogey side Sheffield Steeldogs on Saturday 6-2, but they made up for that by beating Bracknell Bees 3-1 in the English Premier League on Sunday.

This weekend Lightning play Manchester Phoenix in Coventry on Saturday before a trip to Invicta, based in Gillingham, on Sunday.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town thrashed bottom club Long Buckby 7-1 in the United Counties League Premier Division, thanks to a brace apiece from Josh Crawley and Dom Lawless, as well as an own goal and strikes from Sam Parrish and Scott Mulkern.

In Division One, Jamie Burrows, Sam O'Neill and Daniel Webb scored to give Olney Town a 3-0 win at Burton Park Wanderers.

In the Spartan South Midlands Division Two Cup first round, Wolverton Town beat Mursley United 6-5 on penalties, while Old Bradwell United walloped Willen 6-1. New Bradwell St Peter defeated Clean Slate 1-0.

In the Milton Keynes Sunday Football League, a minute's silence was held in all games for Richard 'Dick' Skellington, who died last Thursday and was a long-term MKSFL committee member.

Stony Stratford Town are on maximum points after beating Inter Faith 9-3, while Willen follow them closely thanks to an 8-1 win at Punjab United. Swanfica beat The Garage MK 4-3, while Wolverton Town lost 5-2 at Caz Bar.

HANDBALL

THE city's Oly Cats have set up an U18 team, with the youngsters set to compete for the England Handball Association Talent Pathway National U18 League title.

ATHLETICS

IT WAS gold for Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic Club's Scott Bunt at the British Masters Weight Pentathlon in Birmingham with a throw of 39.68m in the discus.

Lara Bromilow was 17th and the third female in the Twilight Bay 10k in Queensland, Australia, finishing in 37m 31s. Closer to home at the Lake Vyrnwy Half Marathon in Wales, Graham Jones was 25th in 78m 21s.

Leading the club's eight runners home at the Leighton Buzzard 10 (mile) race in fifth was Gary Blaber in 60m 06s. The club finished 29th in the Round Norfolk Relay, while at the South of England Road Relays in Aldershot, the U15 Boys finished 24th.

GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL

ARSENAL Soccer Schools visited Great Linford Primary School yesterday, and plan to host more coaching sessions during the half-term holiday. Arsenal Soccer Schools holiday camps are open for five to 13 year old boys and girls of all abilities. To book a place for the October 27, 28 or 29 session, which take place from 10am to 3pm at the school, visit www.playthearsenalway.com

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes Ladies began their South Clubs' Women's Hockey League Division 3A season with a 1-0 defeat to PHC Chiswick. MK travel to Wycombe next week.

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Dons are history makers as Bantams are beaten

CAPITAL ONE CUP THIRD ROUND
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DONS made history last night as Benik Afobe's brace booked their place in the fourth round of the League Cup for the very first time.

The on-loan Arsenal striker scored his eighth and ninth goals of the season either side of half-time to ensure that all eyes will be on the draw for the last 16 tomorrow.

Many will be hoping for another glamour tie after the 4-0 giant killing of Manchester United in round two but with many big sides out of the competition Dons also have the chance to progress even further – a feat achieved by last night's opponents Bradford who reached the final in 2013 when in League Two.

"If you look at it a lot of the big teams are out," said Dons' head of coaching Richie Barker after yesterday's match.

"At half-time we told the boys they would kick themselves if they weren't in the draw.

"We progressed, we kept a clean sheet and our centre forward scored two goals so you can't ask for any more."

Afobe, given the MK NEWS player of the month award before the game, showed why you readers gave him that prize as he fired Dons into a 1-0 lead with just four minutes on the clock.

Darren Potter played the ball into him, and after superbly turning his man on the edge of the Bantams' box, he rifled the ball into the bottom corner

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Make mine a double: Benik Afobe, who has scored five League Cup goals this season, celebrates last night

Dele Alli hat-trick rounds off super week after new contract is signed

DONS golden boy Dele Alli has celebrated a sensational week after bagging a hat-trick, winning the Football League's Young Player of the Month award and securing a new contract all within seven days.

The 18-year-old has been regularly linked to huge clubs such as Bayern Munich, Liverpool and Arsenal after a number of sublime displays but on Thursday he put pen to paper on a new deal with Dons until June 2017.

Manager Karl Robinson is still resigned to losing the midfielder at some point, but the stadiummk outfit will now have greater power to negotiate a better deal for themselves.

"Dele is an exceptionally gifted player and it was only right that we rewarded him for a fantastic 12 months with this new deal," said Robinson.

"Dele will continue to be linked with some of the world's biggest clubs and it's inevitable that there will be a time when we will have to let him go, whether that be in January, next summer or whenever."

Friday saw Alli given the Football League crown which covers the Championship, League One and League Two, and the teenager said: "I'm delighted, it's a good achievement but I couldn't do it without the team.

"It's a credit to be able to win this award in such a young team."

To round off a great three days, Alli scored a hat-trick in the 6-1 victory over Crewe Alexandra on Saturday to put his side second in League One.

"This [the contract] came as a bit of a surprise but I'm thankful for this new deal and I hope to repay everyone on the pitch," Alli added.

"My other hat-trick [against Notts County last year] was nice as it was my first one but it was even better to get one here at stadiummk.

"We're capable of promotion and we are a very strong team this year."

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